



Executive Headteacher: Mrs L. A. Gwinnett

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Dear Parents/Guardian,

End of Term Update

As you receive this, we hope you, your families and friends are well. As we come to the end of this spring term, we would like to give you an update about the end of term, expectations in and around school and the arrangements for the start of the summer term.

Over the last three weeks, we have had a very successful return to 'face to face' provision. The students have returned and followed the Covid-19 routines in place with ease and this has made school run smoothly and safely. They continue to meet the high expectations that are set for them and this has resulted in an atmosphere in school which is calm, well ordered and engaging.

Staffing Changes

We are delighted to let you know that Mrs Hatton has returned from her maternity leave which means that Miss Groom has moved onto a new post. On behalf of the students that she taught in her twelve months at BPA, parents and staff, we have wished her a fond farewell.

Rewards and Awards

The end of term nominations have been completed by the staff team to recognise the engagement and learning of students right across the year groups and range of subjects. These nominations reflect both the period of working remotely and in person. Tomorrow, the prize nominees (of which there are a staggering 300), will receive their certificates in tutor time. On Friday, parents will be informed by SchoolComms and over the course of the next working week, ClassCharts will be uploaded with achievement points for the winners. Needless to say, we are very proud of the excellent levels of engagement that are consistently demonstrated in school and that we will recognise tomorrow.

Lateral Flow Testing Programme Update – Easter Holiday

The government has requested that students and staff in secondary schools who have consented to complete LFD tests, continue to test over the holiday period in order to detect asymptomatic cases. On Sunday and Wednesday evening, to keep the established routine, everyone in our school community will be expected to test and then report the results to the NHS and school portal. This programme is important





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for minimising wider community transmission rates which may have an impact in school, especially as we return.

Your child will receive a further test kit on Thursday afternoon to bring home and this will allow them to test during and after the break.

Positive tests following the LFD test in the holiday should be reported to the NHS here <https://www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result> and here [Student Result Reporting Form - BPA](#) for school. A positive test should be followed up by a PCR test at a local centre which can be booked online or by calling 119. If the PCR test is positive, please email enquiries@burscoughprioryacademy.org to let us know to keep us informed.

Reporting Symptomatic Cases of Covid-19

We cannot stress enough and again, students should **not** be in school if they or any of the people they live with have symptoms, until tests have been taken and results have come back and confirmed a negative test.

If a student tests positive following a PCR test for Covid-19 who initially **showed symptoms** on Saturday 27th March or before 12.30pm on Sunday 28th March, parents should contact the school directly with all the appropriate information using enquiries@burscoughprioryacademy.org. Following this contact, members of staff will complete the track and trace process and this may involve letting you know that your child is a close contact. This will be through a combination of email, letter and phone call correspondence. It goes without saying that we know that you will be respectful and polite with the member of staff who has to make the unfortunate phone call.

If your son or daughter displays symptoms of Covid-19 after 12.30pm on Sunday 28th March, it is important that you follow Public Health England guidelines. This means that you should arrange for testing for your child via www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-getting-tested or 111.nhs.uk or primary care. All subsequent track and trace procedures in the case of a positive test will be undertaken by Public Health England. Your child (and household members) should then remain at home for at least 10 days from the date when their symptoms appeared as advised in www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-stay-at-home-guidance. Whilst in this instance we do not need to take any action and contact trace, please email school so we are aware of your child's condition for when we return to school.



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Uniform and Equipment

From Monday 12th April, we will expect all students to return in full uniform. Students who have outgrown items will, have at this point, had several weeks to source replacement items. It is important that shoes are in line with our policy, 'sturdy school shoes'. This means that for all students in Year 7 to 11, trainers and 'flimsy' ballet/jelly pumps styles will need to be changed to meet the school's policy. We must stress that with one term to go and as always, we do not expect anyone to spend extraordinary amounts of money on expensive branded school shoes. We know that shops are not likely to open until 12th April but supermarkets have a good stock of sturdy school shoes. If you have any doubt about the suitability of a pair of shoes, please email school with a picture and we will confirm that they meet the school's policy. For your information, here is a link to the school's 'Uniform and Appearance Policy' <https://www.burscoughprioryacademy.org/policies>

If finances are an issue with regards to replacement items (uniform or equipment), then please do not hesitate to contact us so that we can support you with this. If your son/daughter has any items of uniform that are still in good condition but they have outgrown, then we will happily accept donations in school which we will pass onto students who need them in school.

In preparation for the start of the Summer Term, could you please take the opportunity to make sure that your son or daughter is well equipped for the start of the new term. This includes a whiteboard and pen.

End of Term

This week is the end of a long term which has combined both working at home and in school following the stay at home and wider restrictions from the government. Students will follow the lessons and complete the learning on their timetable, until the school day finishes. As published on the website, school will close for students at 12.30pm and the school buses are booked. Lunches for students eligible for a free school meal will be available at 12.30pm as a grab bag and these should be ordered in the kitchen first thing in the morning between 8.30 and 8.45am.

School reopens on Monday 12th April at 8.45am for all students. The existing protocols for entry onto site will be in place and students should be prepared in their full school uniform, with all of their equipment in a bag and with a suitable face covering.

This term, altogether, we have managed a remote programme of learning, the implementation of a return to school lateral flow testing programme, the reintegration of all students into school and a full home testing programme. That is even before we begin to think about our most important role of engaging students in curriculum and wider curriculum studies. I have never before seen a team of staff so keen and eager to welcome students back to their classrooms and this is the magic of Burscough. Not only this, we



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had a group of eight wonderful volunteers, all affiliated to the school, who supported the testing programme starting three weeks ago and completing it last week. Without them, we could not have completed the LFD testing in the way it was planned and the return to school would have been phased over a much longer period. We are blessed and always grateful for the excellent support that we have in our community.

So, finally, we would like to thank you for your patience and kindness in what has been another testing term for everyone in the whole community, right across our district and the UK. Your messages of support for what we have been doing have been both humbling and uplifting.

Take care and best wishes. We hope you enjoy a well-deserved rest and break.

Yours faithfully,

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Head of School



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