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Dear Parents,

School Update

As the first half term of this academic year draws to a close, we would like to take some time to reflect on September and October.

You will be well aware that this has been a difficult term for our school and the local community. We do not shy away from recognising with thanks, your kindness, the support and respect that has been demonstrated as we have navigated some difficult weeks in school. As we move into the break, we would like to reiterate that there is a range of support available when we are and even when we are not in school. For your information, here is a summary of what students regularly see in school:

In School

- Personal Tutor
- Year PBM
- Email pdcsupport@burscoughprioryacademy.org
monitored during school hours
- House Progress Leader
- School Nurse/Counsellor
- Any other adult you feel comfortable talking to

Out of School

- A parent or another members of the family
- Friends
- Other groups that can help:





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Further to this, on the school website, following [this](#) link there are further help and signposts to reliable information and support.

Covid-19 Update

The health and safety measures that have been put in place since September have now been reviewed to ensure that all members of our school community continue to remain vigilant and manage the risks that the virus continues to present. This is particularly important given the increased COVID-19 transmission rates over recent weeks.

Last night we have sent a letter to a group of parents in Year 9 related to additional measures and enhanced testing following a discussion with Public Health. If you did not receive this letter, you do not need to take any further action. However, it is advisable that everyone who does consent continues to complete their LFD tests over the half term break. Further to this and to emphasise, the Public Health officials praised the measures we have put in place already to minimise risk in school.

On Monday 1 November, as a means of early detection, we plan to test all students in school who consent but who have not recorded a result on the evening (31 October) or the morning (1 November) in line with our weekly testing programme. Recording a result in the routine way will minimise disruption to the first day of the new term. As a reminder, here are the links for recording LFD test results:

- <https://www.gov.uk/report-covid19-result>
- [Student Result Reporting Form - BPA](#)

We will also continue to take the following measures, as we have done since the start of the academic year:

- Hygiene protocols strictly followed by staff and children
- Routine LFD tests twice weekly completed and recorded by all staff and students
- All class rooms, halls and corridors to be fully ventilated with doors and windows open (temperature is monitored to ensure children and staff are comfortable)



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- Thorough cleaning of high touch points across the school
- Record and ensure that positive cases isolate for the required ten days
- Ensure students with symptoms remain at home and take an PCR test
- Actively encourage testing for wider symptoms

Further to the update in the news yesterday, it has been announced that 12-15-year-old children who were not vaccinated earlier in the term, can go online and book a community-based appointment. For those parents in Year 7 who would like their child to be vaccinated when they turn 12, this is the method and route to use.

Uniform Update

As we know, the receipt of uniform from orders made has been incredibly challenging and the team in school are supporting parents in every way that they can to secure purchased items. Thank you for your patience and for those of you who have contacted school for support, we are in daily contact with Monkhouse discussing order and more important perhaps, standards of customer service. If you need any further assistance, please contact us using the enquiries email address and head the email 'Uniform Query.'

And Finally

Despite all of the challenges of the term, we have had many successes and many of the traditional, pre-Covid activities have safely returned to school. Some of which have been shared on social media, others which have not. These include:

- Several visits to primary schools with the Year 7 ambassadors
- A fantastic Open Evening supported by 135 student ambassadors
- A successful Chromebook roll out to Year 7
- The restart of the full extra-curricular activities programme: Eco Committee, Debate Club, LGBTQ+ group, Games Club, Music activities and Chess Club amongst others
- Successful participation in a range of sport and physical activities across the West Lancashire
- Hosting (with our student leaders) the West Lancashire School Sports Partnership primary football festival



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- A fantastic PSHE day including information on staying safe online, acceptable language versus discriminatory language and a brilliant Careers Fayre
- The Student Leadership Team ran successful Macmillan and Cancer Research events in school, raising over £500 in total.

Well done to staff and students and especially Year 7 who have successfully completed their first term at BPA. It was lovely to see so many of you at Parents' Evening last night and talk about your transition and your achievements in the first term as part of our team.

There are a number of events in the coming months which are all detailed on the calendar on the website. Please click [here](#) to follow the link to the home page, the calendar is at the bottom of the page.

So, where you can, we hope that you will find time to rest and recharge over the half term break with your children and we look forward to our return on Monday 1 November at 8.45am. Students need to be fully prepared for school with their uniform and equipment. On the first day of term, students will have assemblies to outline and front load the expectations for the new term so that we and have an excellent second half term.

Best wishes and a final thank you.

Yours faithfully,

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Mrs MacLaren
Headteacher

