



Executive Headteacher: Mrs L. A. Gwinnett

Wednesday 8th July

Dear Parents,

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Face-to-Face PLUS+

All our schools are now midway through this week's Year 8 Face-to-Face Review Day meetings between students and their Personal Tutors. As with Year 10 and Year 7, attendance has been over 95% so far this week, proof of the value that students and you as parents have placed in these meetings.

This week has also seen the broadening of our support through Face-to-Face PLUS+ with larger numbers of staff both at home and in school providing additional support for students' mental health and well-being, ClassCharts completion of work or individual subject specialist support.

What follows is a snapshot of what staff have been doing so far this week and what we will continue to do until the end of term.

- An additional 76 individual sessions so far provided for students with just under 35% of these being delivered through remote support sessions at home via Microsoft Teams.
- Nearly half of the 'in-school' support has been provided immediately after a meeting with a Personal Tutor. This has ensured that the additional support directly meets any need expressed by a student and is bespoke in nature.
- Many students have come into school feeling justifiably anxious given their time out of school since March, appearing quiet and reserved to begin with. This is in stark contrast to how they leave school, often with a more confident spring in their step.
- Staff covering a wide range of subjects have been pro-active in contacting students and inviting them in for individual or small group academic support to supplement the remote learning that has been taking place.
- Where engagement has been lower, this has been addressed with staff working through examples of tasks that students have struggled to complete and setting out strategies to help them better complete the work.

Please do remember that you can e-mail and request either a meeting in school or a remote session using Microsoft Teams by using the enquiries@burscoughprioryacademy.org. Please insert **Face-to-Face PLUS** support in the e-mail subject bar so that it goes straight to the senior leader co-ordinating the support.

A reminder on additional reasons to ring/email us

It may be that you have considered ringing/emailing us but you are not sure if you should, or you don't want to put on us. If it helps, here are some of the reasons that parents are currently ringing/emailing:

- Log ons/passwords for online learning
- Support with pastoral issues in the home
- Issues and queries with online learning



- Flagging up safeguarding/mental health concerns
- Advice about how to support/motivate your children with their learning
- Just to talk to us, for advice or for another human adult contact.... which we are more than happy to do
- Free school meal vouchers/grocery box issues/enquiries

Should my child be in school full time?

We are still committed to supporting where we can so if you think your child needs to be in school please consider the following criteria:

- You are a critical worker, or you are now required to go into work because you can't easily work from home, you have nobody in the home to ensure your children are suitably supervised and you are concerned about their vulnerability at home alone
- Your child would benefit from additional support to access learning due to their special needs or other significant difficulties in engaging in and/or completing the work set
- You are concerned that your child's mental health is being affected by their absence from school
- You have any other safeguarding concerns and you feel these would be minimised if your child were in school

What we have in place every weekday when school is open:

- Open every weekday with a staffing rota between 8.30am and 4.30pm to support the learning of the children in school. We understand that this may change daily due to shift patterns so just keep us informed as the need arises/changes
- Keep in regular, close contact by phone with vulnerable children and their families, and provide tutor contact with other students and their families as appropriate
- Provide on-line Home Learning resources, links and updates so you can keep your children mentally and physically active at home.
- Where possible, deliver learning packs to those without internet access or equipment to engage in online learning.
- Be on the end of the school phone and address any concerns or queries you might have between 8.30am – 4.00pm weekdays.
- Deliver food parcels to those in most need on a fortnightly basis. Please don't hesitate to contact us and when you may be in need, whether through financial hardship or self-isolation, without other help at hand.
- Provide free meals for the staff and students in school, in a clean environment, observant of social distancing and other safety guidelines.
- Manage the provision of FSM vouchers

With best wishes,

Mrs Gwinnett (Executive Head and Trust Lead) and all of us in the Trust and at School

Stay safe