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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 autumn term, we would like to give you an update about staffing, the end of term arrangements and those for the start of the spring term.

### Staffing Changes

Mrs Hurst, our Team Leader in the Personal Development Centre and responsible for Year 7 will be leaving us at the end of the term. She has secured a promotion in a larger organisation in the county. Since appointment, Mrs Hurst has established a really focused, well ordered, high standards and high expectation ethos in Year 7 and we wish her well in her new post.

We are delighted to let you know that Mrs Livesley was appointed to the role of Assistant Headteacher for the spring and summer term of 2021 at another Trust school. On behalf of the whole Burscough community and especially the students in Yousafsai House, we wish her well in her new role. It will be a big change for Mrs Livesley who has worked at BPA for fourteen years, supporting thousands of students along the way. Last week, Miss Sloan was appointed as the House Progress Leader for Yousafsai House for the duration of the secondment and will take up post when we return after the Christmas holidays.

Meanwhile, after Christmas, we will welcome Miss Garrahan back to the English department after a very successful secondment as Leader of English in one of our Trust schools. I am sure that many parents and students will be delighted to see her teaching English again at BPA and we will give her a warm Burscough welcome in the new term.

### Covid-19

From tomorrow, Tuesday, any students identified as close contacts of confirmed cases in school currently would have to self-isolate (for ten days) up to and including Christmas Day.

***We cannot stress this enough... 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.***



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We are doing everything we can in school to reduce the possibility of transmitting the virus, but as we have said before, we simply cannot guarantee a two-metre distance between students.

With this in mind we would like to remind you of the up to date guidance we are obliged to follow and to inform you of our plans for next week.

- If we have a confirmed positive case in school and your son/daughter is identified as a close contact then we will need to get in touch with you to let you know that your child needs to self-isolate. We fully understand that this is likely to impact on your Christmas plans but it is our duty to follow the procedures set out by the government.
- If your son/daughter attends school on Thursday and Friday of this week and we have a confirmed positive case in school, you may be contacted as late as Christmas Eve. We understand this would be very upsetting news but please be polite and understanding with the person who will have to make that unfortunate phone call.
- All of this week's lessons will be available on line for those self-isolating, or absent with suspected Covid symptoms. These absences will be marked with an X and will not affect individual's attendance records.

## End of Term

This week is the end of a long term and school will be open as normal for the full week. On Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, students will follow the curriculum according to their timetable. On Thursday, students will be taught in their Tutor Groups by specialist teachers and these lessons will be planned so that students are revising and reviewing learning. On Friday 18<sup>th</sup>, the last day of term, students will be in their Tutor Group with their Personal Tutor and the activities will have a festive theme. We are due to finish at 12.30pm on and the school buses are booked for this time. Lunches for students eligible for a free school meal will be available at 12.30pm as a grab bag.

School reopens on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January at 8.45am for all students, Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January is an INSET training day for the staff. 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.

Finally, we would like to thank you for your support, patience and kindness in what has been a testing term for everyone in the whole community and right across our county. Your kind messages of support for what we have been doing have been both humbling and invigorating in



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equal measure. We have tried really hard to make good, positive decisions in the best interest of everyone in school positive.

On behalf of all of the staff here at Burscough Priory Academy, we would like to wish you a safe and well rested break. Take care.

Yours faithfully,

*L. MaClaren*

Mrs L. MaClaren  
**Head of School**



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