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Dear Parent/Carer

I am writing to you with an update on how our return to school has been and some information on steps that we may need to take as we move through this term.

Students have made a successful transition back into the routine of school and I have been delighted with the way that they continue to adapt to our Covid safe environment. This week, on Thursday, we have our virtual open evening. You can watch it here <https://www.thornleigh.bolton.sch.uk/page/?title=Open+Evening&pid=168>

It is obviously disappointing that we cannot invite families into our school this year but I hope this will at least give a flavour of who we are.

We have been delighted with the uptake of students walking or cycling to school. If this is something your child can do safely then we would encourage them to do so.

If you are collecting your child by car can I please ask you to be considerate of nearby residents when parking; do not block their driveways or park on the pavement.

We will continue to review our PE provision offer and we are seeking ways of extending the PE activities that students can participate in.

May I remind you that Friday 25th September is an INSET day and therefore students are not in school.

As many of you will be aware, we have had to make the very difficult decision to send some students home to self-isolate because of positive cases within their class or year group bubble. These decisions are taken in conjunction with the governors, the Local Authority and most importantly Public Health. Wherever possible we do all we can to minimise the number of students affected, and the amount of time students need to be working at home.

This situation is likely to stay the same for some time and so I am asking that all parents follow the guidance below in order to help minimise disruption.

1) If your child is presenting with Covid symptoms please keep them off school, inform school that they have symptoms and book a test.

2) Once your test result comes through take the following steps:

-Negative result - inform school and send your child back in if they are well.

-Positive result - inform school as soon as you received the result. You can do this by emailing covid@thornleigh.bolton.sch.uk - please do not wait until reception opens to let us know.

3) Please check your school gateway account each evening and morning. If students have to self-isolate this is how we will initially communicate with you. If we receive information during a school day that there is a positive



case we will contact you to inform you that your child needs to go home. We will not send any children home without contacting you.

4) If your child is sent home we will set all work via Google Classroom. There is further guidance available on the school website. All students when working at home are expected to follow either their 'At home timetable' (Year 7 and 8) or their usual timetable (Years 9, 10, 11, 12 and 13). Work needs to be submitted to their teacher via Google Classroom.

5) If your child is sent home to self-isolate we ask that you ensure that they stay at home. We all need to work as hard as we can to break the transmission rate and reduce the number of infections across the town. Students should not be meeting friends or going out at all.

These are challenging times for everyone and we are all working our way through finding new ways of living. May I assure you that we are completely committed to continuing to doing the very best for your child. Can I ask for your continued patience and understanding as we establish these new systems.

Yours sincerely

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Headteacher

