

Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2021



Dear Parent/ Carer(s),

Please find enclosed a copy of Smart, our first Tutor Time read and the Parent Handbook. We hope you find the Handbook informative and the book really enjoyable! I would describe it as a gritty novel with some interesting themes for us to pick up in PSHE in September.

The Government have now released their guidance in regards to re-opening for secondary schools in the Autumn term. There will no longer be bubbles and zones within schools. There will also be no contact tracing by schools themselves, this will be managed by the Test and Trace App exclusively. Isolation periods will only exist for those who have symptoms or who test positively for Covid-19. The guidance also asks that we perform lateral flow tests for all students before term starts. Please be assured that this is not how we would chose for your child to start at the Academy but we always adhere to the Government guidelines.

We are setting up a Testing Centre in the Bluecoat Aspley Sport's Hall and will send out individual appointment times for the afternoons of Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> August and Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> September. Bluecoat Trent staff will be on hand to welcome and talk to any students who feel nervous about this and we will of course, not be testing anyone who does not give consent. We will be sending a message via Parentmail with a form for those who wish to give consent in the next two weeks.

In terms of transition, you should have received information via ParentMail on form allocations, Free Academy Meal applications and the Uniform Bundle. Those who expressed interest in the Ski Trip will also have received information about paying the deposit and the on-going payment plan.

If you haven't already please watch our Induction Evening video on the website: <https://www.bluecoattrent.co.uk/>. This contains lots of important information regarding starting at Bluecoat Trent.

We also have videos from the staff introducing themselves, describing their subjects and posing questions to the students for consideration over the summer:  
<https://www.bluecoattrent.co.uk/prospective-parents/meet-the-departments/>

Finally, you will receive a voting form via Parentmail by the end of the week to elect our two parent members for the Academy Advisory Board. I thank you in advance for your support with this.

I hope you have a lovely summer holiday with your loved ones and I look forward to seeing you in September.

Start of term for year 7: **Monday 6<sup>th</sup> September.**

Take care,

Miss C McManus  
Principal