



The Bishop Konstant Catholic Academy Trust

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Dear Parents/Carers

I hope that you and your family are well and looking forward to returning to some normality, when your children return to school this week or next week. We are very excited to be welcoming the children and young people back and seeing our schools thriving once again. I would also like to extend a warm welcome to all staff returning after a well-deserved summer break, and also to welcome Mr Philip Dore, the new substantive Headteacher of St. Wilfrid's and Mr Rob Barraclough the new Executive Headteacher of St. Austin's. My thanks go to all school leaders and staff for the extraordinary effort they have gone to, to prepare for the start of term. Team work has never been so crucial!

The last few weeks have been a testing time for Year 13 and Year 11 students and parents. Despite the turmoil which you will have seen in the media, we are incredibly proud of the achievements of all our students. We know that grades do not ultimately define a person and so it is important to celebrate all successes and the contributions that the students made to their schools over many years. They are a credit to their families and our whole Trust community. As the students embark on their next steps, we wish them well in all that they do.

All schools have drawn up robust opening plans, supported by risk assessments, that allow for all pupils and staff to return, full time, to school this week/next week. The plans have been informed by a wide range of advice and guidance from the government, PHE, the Local Authority, professional associations and unions, as well as the latest research. The Trust and the schools will continue to review the plans and risk assessments over the coming weeks and if necessary, respond to any new information about the COVID-19 virus or different guidance from the government.

Our priority at this time remains your child's wellbeing; we will ensure that they are familiar with all new arrangements, that they feel safe and secure and that their wellbeing is well taken care of.

We pray for everyone in our community, that pupils, staff and parents all stay safe and well and enjoy a successful Autumn term. With best wishes to you and your family.

Yours sincerely,

Lesley Fitton CEO