



The Bishop Konstant Catholic Academy Trust

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Dear Colleagues,

Happy New Year! I hope that you are well and that you enjoyed the Christmas break with your families.

Sincere apologies that you will have been distracted by the ongoing Government discussions / announcements over the past few days, and in particular the Prime Minister's announcement this morning. You will be aware that we are working within the constraints of Government guidance and therefore I appreciate that the timing of this letter and my letter to parents is very close to the start of the new term. I know that you will continue to show adaptability and agility in dealing with the ever-changing landscape as we move into the new term. We will continue to work together as a Trust and will therefore offer support and guidance to each other over the coming months. Thank you for your commitment to supporting the pupils and families during this very difficult time. Please see below the information that has been communicated to parents regarding re-opening arrangements:

- All BKCAT Primary Schools will re-open for all pupils this week (on either 4th or 5th January as per the published calendars).
- BKCAT Secondary Schools and St. Wilfrid's Sixth Form will open in a staggered way:

Secondary School Arrangements for W/C 4th January 2021:

- All Year Groups are to remain at home and follow their regular timetable via remote learning.
- Children of Critical Workers and Vulnerable Pupils only on site.

Secondary School Arrangements for W/C 11th January 2021:

- All Year 11 and Year 13 pupils will return to school for on-site learning from Monday 11th January 2021. These pupils will follow their normal timetables.
- All other pupils (Y7, Y8, Y9, Y10, Y12) will continue to be taught remotely.
- Children of Critical Workers and Vulnerable Pupils will continue to attend on site.

Secondary School Arrangements for W/C 18th January 2021:

It is the intention that all pupils in all year groups will return to school for on-site learning on Monday 18th January 2021. This may change depending on further Government announcements.

Mass Testing Programme:

The Government has also directed Secondary Schools to stagger their re-opening to allow an initial period of time in which to plan and launch the Voluntary Mass Covid-19 Testing Programme for students and staff. We are following the guidance of Public Health and Wakefield Local Authority in implementing this, and further information will be issued in due course.

Thank you for your support and very best wishes for a healthy and a happy New Year.

Yours sincerely,

Lesley Fitton CEO