



The Bishop Konstant Catholic Academy Trust

Learning Communities, Inspired by Faith

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Re: School Re-opening on Monday 8 March

Dear Colleagues,

I hope that this letter finds you and your family well. I wanted to write to you ahead of the wider reopening of schools on Monday, to express my sincere thanks to you all for the assistance and support you have provided to pupils, families and colleagues over the past year.

School leaders, school staff and the Trust Central Team have responded overwhelmingly positively to the additional pressures of keeping our schools open, supporting pupils in school, and delivering a very effective remote education offer to those pupils at home throughout the pandemic. At the same time, many staff have needed to self-isolate, 'shield' or have become ill themselves, which has increased the workload of those colleagues who have been in schools. I know that this has not been at all easy, as many of you have also been home schooling your own children at the same time as working. The BKCAT is a strong Catholic family and together we will make sure that the pupils' time out of school does not define them in anything other than a positive way.

From my conversations with colleagues across the Trust, I know that you are very much looking forward to welcoming pupils back into school, and you have worked hard to ensure that the return to school is a safe and settling experience for all pupils.

Over the coming weeks, as the Prime Minister's Road Map gets well underway, hopefully we will be able to enjoy some of the freedoms that have seemed out of reach for such a long time.

Once again, I thank you for your incredible and unfaltering commitment to the pupils and families across the Trust, and for your support of one another.

I hope that you can enjoy a lovely weekend with your families.

Yours sincerely,

Lesley Fitton
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