1.3.2021

Dear parents/ carers

In line with the recent Government guidance I am delighted to inform you that from Monday 8th March 2021 we will be able to invite all our remaining students back on site.

The DfE’s guidance states that school attendance will be “mandatory for all pupils from March 8” and that “The overwhelming evidence is that the risk to children and young people from coronavirus (COVID-19) is low, but the risks to children and young people of being out of school are high and increase the longer restrictions on education are in force. Whilst education settings can be places where transmission occurs, there is no strong evidence of them driving largescale community transmission.”

We will be maintaining our strict Covid secure procedures for cleaning, ventilation and social distancing.

In addition the Government is now advising the wearing of masks in classrooms as well as communal areas, in cases where social distancing is not possible.

The Government also announced that home testing is being introduced for secondary age pupils (11+). Those who consent to testing will be initially supervised on site whilst swabbing before being given the home testing kits.

Our staff will be in touch with you this week to listen to you and your child’s views on the return to school, testing for Covid etc and respond to any concerns you may have. You will also have the option of bringing your child on site before the 8th March if it would make the return or testing process easier for you or your child.

We will be returning to our normal timetables and school hours from Monday 8th. March i.e. 9am – 2.45pm Mon to Thurs and 9am – 12.30pm on Fridays.

We will be holding an extended form period on Monday morning to enable staff to reduce any anxieties students may have on returning.

Thank you for all your support over the last few weeks in helping us to continue to educate your child remotely. I know it has not been easy for you but being able to access learning and emotional support whilst unable to physically attend school has been of huge benefit to your child both now and in the future.

If there is anything further you wish to discuss or need support with please do not hesitate to contact us.

Many thanks

**Hazel Banks**

​Academy Lead

Park School Teaching Service

Stephens Street, Bolton. BL2 5DX

​​**T**: 01204 333700

**M**: 07495078725

​**E**:**banksh@boltonimpacttrust.org.uk**

[www.boltonimpacttrust.org.uk](http://www.boltonimpacttrust.org.uk/)