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Dear Parent/Carer

I hope you and your families are well.

You will by now be aware of the government's announcement that schools will begin to open fully in England from **Monday 8th March**. At secondary and post-16 level, this will be a staggered start and will be built around a (voluntary) mass testing programme. However, please note, whilst the phased return of our students is in place, they must still log on daily to access their remote learning via Teams. It is crucial that they remain engaged and access all lessons to benefit fully from their learning programme. Our Critical Worker and Vulnerable Children Provision will also continue as normal throughout this period.

To ensure we are able to welcome all students back to school as soon as is practically possible, we need to safely carry out the Covid testing over a two-week period, starting with **Y7 on Monday 8th March**. As testing is voluntary, children whose parents have not consented to testing will be allowed to return to school at the same time as their relevant year group.

Full guidance on the safe return to school of all other year groups will be communicated on Thursday this week (4th March), this communication will also include details of the use of face coverings in classrooms, as well as in communal areas, updates of our Behaviour for Learning Policy and full details of the academy's Uniform Policy.

Whilst we know that for the vast majority of you this will be a very welcome development, we also appreciate that for some it may also be a worrying time. **Nonetheless, the government is clear that attendance is once again mandatory** and so, if you have any concerns about your child returning to school, it is important that you discuss these with your child's SSO as soon as possible.

At Trinity Academy Bradford, we have a robust risk assessment (RA) in place. The RA details the list of controls and protective measures in place to ensure we can operate as safely as possible, and we have spent the last week reviewing and updating them. Whilst it is important to remember that for most children, Covid-19 is a very mild illness, children can still carry the virus and pass it on to others, even if they have no symptoms at all. **That is why our protective measures in school will remain in place for the time being.**

Finally, I would like to extend a genuine 'thank you' for the support you have continued to offer your child in these most demanding of times. Messages of thanks have been gratefully received by teaching and support staff alike, and of course your role as 'home educators' has been instrumental in helping us to maintain a thorough educational experience, albeit remotely in the majority of cases.

Regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R Hanson".

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