



# Bury Church of England High School

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Tuesday 5 January 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

I am sure you will have realised that as of last night we are in a new national lockdown. This has obviously changed our plans for the start of the new term.

It is with great sadness that we are not able to welcome our whole school community back into school and we must now move to remote learning meaning that pupils will need to access their learning from home. This is likely to be the case until the end of February half term.

I recognise the additional pressures placed on you as families. As a father of three school aged boys, I feel the challenges of this situation in a very similar way. I also trust that together by supporting each other we can get through the latest hardship and lockdown. As a school we will keep all our families in our prayers and look forward to welcoming back all our wonderful young people in due course.

School will be open, for our vulnerable and critical worker children, and some staff will be in school every day during this period. Our pastoral support team will be in contact with each family eligible to send their children into school and who has indicated a preference to accept a place to discuss further details. While in school these children will access the remote learning lessons, normal lessons will not be possible as teachers will be teaching their classes remotely following the normal timetable.

Remote learning will begin on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> January and will be a blended approach of live lessons, taught through Microsoft Teams, work set on Satchel One and utilising our on-line platforms of GCSE POD and Century Learning. Attached to this email are guides for accessing Century Learning. We recommend that your child follows their normal timetable in their approach to learning but understand this may not always be possible.

You may receive several Teams notifications on your devices as staff will be setting up calendars for their classes. Please ignore these in the first instance and utilise the calendar for the learning ahead. Each week staff will set up the calendar for the week ahead detailing which lessons will be live and which lessons will be independent learning.

In order to allow those in school and those learning remotely to have the same lunch break we have had to make some changes to the timing of the school day. The following day will apply. Lessons will be 45 minutes in length as we recognise the need to consolidate learning and for students and teachers to take breaks from constant screen use. The timings of the day show an hour per lesson as this is allocated slot for those lessons and independent learning may well be an hour in length.



## Monday - Thursday

9.00 -10.00	Period 1
10.00 – 11.00	Period 2
11.00 -11.20	Break
11.20 -12.20	Period 3
12.20 – 12.50	Lunch
12.50 – 1.50	Period 4
1.50 – 2.50	Period 5

## Friday

9.00 -10.00	Period 1
10.00 – 11.00	Period 2
11.00 -11.20	Break
11.20 -12.20	Period 3
12.20 – 12.50	Lunch
12.50 – 1.50	Period 4

PSHCE will change and be a form tutor drop-in session. This will be a live chat with the form and happen once per fortnight. This will be an opportunity for everyone in touch with our school community. If you have any on-going concerns please contact school as soon as possible, in the first instance the pupil support team relevant to your child's year group.

Your Sincerely

Mr S Braithwaite

Headteacher

Psalm 37:39

“the salvation of the righteous is from the Lord;

He is their strength in time of trouble.”

