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Dear Parent Carer,

Further to the letter sent last week please find below, more detailed information concerning start of term for each year group. As you are aware from the previous letter many things about school life are going to be different.

Teaching groups

All pupils will be taught in either form or year group bubbles. Please see the covering email for your child's form group.

Year 7 will be taught in form groups and will remain in their interim form room for all lessons except PE.

Year 8 and Year 9 will be taught in groups that are based upon Maths sets to maximise achievement, this has resulted in some pupils changing form groups so the form group is now the group pupils will be in for all of their subjects. They will be also taught in one room for all lessons except PE with teachers coming to them.

The above measures are to reduce the movement of pupils around school and enable stronger track and trace measures.

Years 10 and 11 will stay in their form groups and subject sets, moving between classrooms within their zone for different subjects and options groups. This measure is to ensure the full delivery of their curriculum in preparation for their public examinations.

The First week

In order to implement these significant changes, we intend to take more time inducting your child back into school. This is important as it is vital that your child fully understands the new way of working. The first week back has been organised to ensure we get everybody back into the school routine as safely and as quickly as possible.

Wednesday 2nd September

Year 7 pupils only, on site. (Normal start and end time as per the school day.)

Year 7's will follow a two-day induction process. On arrival at school the pupils should enter by the side gate and collect in the quad. To maintain social distancing we request that parents/carers do not come down the drive with their children. This also applies at the end of the school day, if you are collecting your children please arrange to meet your child at the top of the school drive.

The canteen will be open for lunch from the start of term. We operate cashless catering and whilst we are waiting for the cards to be issued, (hopefully during the second week of term), records will be kept of what your child has purchased and the cost of this will then be deducted from their accounts until the cards are activated.



Thursday 3rd September

Year 7 – on site all day for second day of induction/transition with form tutors. (Normal start and end time as per the school day.)

Years 8-11 – Each year group will be invited in for a **two and a half hour session**, to have face-to-face induction time with their Form Tutor – to inform pupils about the new zoning, layout, rules, school day, lunchtime etc. Please check the table below for the times your child needs to attend. To maintain social distancing we request that parents/carers do not come down the drive with their children. This also applies at the end of the session, if you are collecting your children please arrange to meet your child at the top of the school drive.

Year 11	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10
9am – 11:30am	9:15 – 11:45am	9:30am – 12pm	12:30pm – 3:00pm

Friday 4th September

All pupils in school for first day of full timetable.

Arrival location and departure times

Where possible no pupils should arrive on site before 8.30 ready for 8.40 registration

Year group	7	8	9	10	11
Arrival time	From 8.30 via the side gate and wait in the quad	From 8.30 via the main drive and wait by F-Block	From 8.30 via the side gate and wait by the back blue doors	From 8.30 via main school drive wait on the tennis courts	From 8.30 via main school drive wait on the tennis courts
Departure time	2.50 Via the quad doors and side gate	2.55 Via the main drive	2.55 Via the blue doors and side gate	3.00 Via the white quad doors and through the side gate	3.05 Via the main entrance and along the main drive

There will be no period 5 on a Friday, due to the school's early finish. School will finish from 1.50 with a staggered release in line with the above timetable.

Additional information on the school day

It would really help us if parents/carers could use the online payment system for school dinners to reduce the handling of money. Please use the link below to access this. If you have not yet used the system or misplaced your user name and password please do not hesitate to contact school for assistance.

www.parentpay.com



For the time being there will be no breakfast club or break time food service or extracurricular clubs at the end of the school day.

Uniform

We expect all pupils to be smartly attired in school uniform from the start of term.

Item	Boys	Girls
Blazer	French Navy with School Badge on breast pocket. (Blazer may be removed in summer)	
Tie	Regulation school tie worn appropriately (Navy blue with Gold stripe)	
Trousers / Skirt	Charcoal grey or black trousers, full length, standard fitting (no tight fitting or flared styles). OR School Kilt with four button fastening, regulation tartan and style (NO SPLITS OR VENTS)	School Kilt with four button fastening, regulation tartan and style (NO SPLITS OR VENTS) OR Charcoal grey or black trousers, full length, standard fitting (no tight fitting or flared styles).
Shirt / Blouse (worn with collar buttoned closed and tucked into trousers or kilt).	Long or short sleeved school pale blue shirt.	Long or short sleeved school pale blue blouse.
Socks / Tights	Navy blue, dark grey or black, knee or ankle length socks (no trainer socks) OR Navy blue or black tights 70 denier or more.	Navy blue or black tights 70 denier or more. OR Navy blue, dark grey or black, knee or ankle length socks (no trainer socks).
Shoes	Plain black traditional leather appearance shoes (with black laces if required) with no colour trim and heel height no higher than 2cms (no boots, trainers, canvas or other styles of footwear. Footwear must appear to be shoe like rather than trainer like. Shoes made by sportswear manufacturers are deemed to be trainers. Shoes that cover the ankle are deemed to be a boot. A shoe marketed as a school shoe may not be acceptable at Bury CE High School). An illustration of the sort of acceptable footwear is found at the back of this booklet.	

We will not be using the sports hall changing rooms for pupils to change into their PE kit. We are therefore allowing pupils to come to school in their PE kit on days when they have a timetabled PE lesson. If you want more information about PE kit and uniform, please refer to the school website.



Equipment reminder

Pupils must bring their own equipment; this is to reduce sharing of equipment and therefore contact. Ideally equipment should be brought in a clear plastic pencil case, the following items are the minimum requirement:

- Black pen (more than one)
- Pencil
- Ruler
- Rubber
- **Calculator (Casio FX-83GTX)**
- Compass
- Protractor
- Glue stick (if possible, also a pair of school safety scissors)
- Reading book

It has never been more important for us to be able to communicate with you as parents and carers. It is therefore essential that we have your current contact details. The best way to do this is using the SIMS Parent app. Parent and carers of pupils in Year 8 – 11 will have received an invitation email already. If your previous invitation email has expired please email school to request a new one. Parents and carers of new Year 7 students will receive an email invitation at the start of term. More information about getting started with SIMS Parent can be found on [our website](#) under the Links section.

Please be aware that Government guidance changes will effect procedures within school and may result in changes to the given procedures.

Whilst we are not going to be able to have school as we knew it, for some time, you have our assurance that we are doing our best to ensure your child has as fulfilling a school experience as possible and continues to make progress in their learning.

Yours sincerely

Mr S Braithwaite
Headteacher

