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## PREPARATIONS FOR SEPTEMBER 2020

Dear parent / carer,

As we come towards the end of the most unusual of school years, preparations continue to open school for all of our pupils in September. The start of term is Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2020, with our new Reception intake starting part-time on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September.

There will be a number of changes to school when we begin the next academic year, some of these will be temporary arrangements as we continue to operate with additional safety measures in place based on our ongoing risk assessments related to Coronavirus.

### Pupil bubbles

From September, our pupils will be working in four distinct 'Key Stage bubbles':

Early years Foundation Stage – Reception pupils only. Drop off 9.00am-9.10am Pick up 3.30pm

Key Stage 1 – Year 1, Year 1/2 and Year 2 pupils. Drop off 8.50am-9.00am Pick up 3.20pm

Lower Key Stage 2 – Year 3 and Year 4 pupils. Drop off 9.00am-9.10am Pick up 3.30pm

Upper Key Stage 2 – Year 5 and Year 6 pupils. Drop off 8.50am-9.00am Pick up 3.20pm

Operating in these bubbles will allow us to manage teaching sessions, lunchtimes and breaktimes effectively with the staff we have available. It will also enable us to restart before and after school care via OSCARS.

There will be a need to introduce staggered arrival and drop off times alongside these bubbles. We will review the drop off / collection times during the first week to ensure they are operating safely in practice therefore these times may be subject to change. If you have children within a different bubble / start time, please bring all of your children at the LATER time.

### Classroom organisation

The layout of most of our classrooms will be different in September. The current guidelines advise that where possible pupils do not face each other in the classrooms. This will require classroom furniture to be arranged in rows in most rooms.

### Lunchtime arrangements

Again, the layout of the dining hall will be different and pupils will be sat in the hall in their Key Stage bubbles. For the first half term (September-October) the catering team will only be offering packed lunch dinners for Years 1 to 6.

We will review our lunchtime offer during September and hope to be able to resume the provision of hot dinners for all pupils by the second half-term.

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## **Assemblies**

Our normal school assemblies will not be taking place whilst current guidelines are in place. We will operate a mix of 'Key Stage Bubble assemblies' in the school hall and remote assemblies broadcast in classrooms.

## **School attendance and uniform**

As school reopens to all pupils in September, we are encouraging positive attendance from all of our pupils. If you have any concerns about your pupil returning to school, do not hesitate to contact us on [greenhill@bury.gov.uk](mailto:greenhill@bury.gov.uk)

When school reopens, pupils will be expected to be wearing their Greenhill school uniform.

We also recently communicated information about what pupils can bring to school in September. Pupils may bring a coat, a drawstring PE bag, a book bag, a water bottle and their packed lunch (if school does not provide their lunch). We have limited storage space inside school and this has been further impacted by changes related to Coronavirus. No other items or bags will be permitted in school. As with all changes, we will keep these developments under review.

## **Back to learning with a focus on wellbeing**

As pupils return to school, we will be putting plans in place to map pupils current learning and start to move forward with their next steps of learning. Further details will be shared as our recovery plans are developed.

Again, our normal curriculum will include adaptations to meet both the academic and emotional needs of our pupils as they return to school. We are planning remote parents evening consultations in the first half-term.

## **Protective measures in school**

As we adapt to restarting school life alongside a still prevalent virus, our system of control and protective measures feature within our risk assessments. This includes :

Minimising contact with individuals who are unwell

- Cleaning hands thoroughly and regularly
- Enhanced cleaning routines
- Maximising distance between individuals and maintaining social distancing wherever possible
- Where necessary, wearing PPE

It also includes how we would respond to any infection :

Engaging with NHS Test and Trace

- Managing confirmed cases within the school community
- Containing any outbreaks by contacting the local health protection team

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Full details of government guidance can be found on :

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/actions-for-schools-during-the-coronavirus-outbreak/guidance-for-full-opening-schools>

## **Planning for future uncertainty**

As part of the DFE guidance for reopening of schools, schools have been asked to further develop their plans for home learning in the event of a second wave of the pandemic or in case of local lockdowns which could result in further school closures.

We will be reviewing some of the home learning resources which we have used and looking at ways of enhancing further this provision if it becomes needed again in the future.

## **How you can help us ?**

As we plan to ensure the return to school for all pupils is as safe as possible, you can help us in the following ways :

1. Ensure all of your contact details are up to date and accurate, including mobile and landline numbers for first and second contacts.
2. Do not send pupils to school if they are displaying any of the latest described symptoms of coronavirus ie. a new or continuous cough, a high temperature, lack of or change to smell or taste.
3. Understand that if a child has to be sent home from school because they are displaying any of these symptoms, then guidelines for self-isolation need to be applied.
4. Engage with NHS Test and Trace if required to do so.
5. Contact school immediately if anybody in your household is confirmed to have Covid-19.
6. Please try to avoid whenever possible visiting the school office – email or telephone contact would be preferential.
7. When we return to school in September, we will be asking our Key Stage 2 parents not to enter the school site at drop off/collection times. EYFS and Key Stage 1 parents may enter the school site, but need to avoid unnecessary waiting and are required to maintain social distancing.
8. When dropping off and collecting pupils, please do not arrive before or after your allocated time. We are planning these staggered times to avoid congestion around the school site.

## **Reviewing changes to school organisation and routines**

As the Coronavirus pandemic has developed, schools have been responding to ever changing guidance and this process of reviewing and adapting systems will continue to evolve during the new school year.

Please be aware that all our plans are based on ongoing risk assessments and are subject to change if and when this is required.

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## **And finally...**

At the end of a school year that has been the most challenging during my 28 years of teaching, I would like to take the opportunity to say a few words of thanks.

Firstly, thank-you to the staff and governors of Greenhill who have been working together to support our school over the past four months under difficult circumstances in a dedicated way.

Secondly, to our wider school family, our parents, pupils and extended family members. Thank you for your support and understanding during the period of time since school closed its doors to the majority of pupils in March.

We look forward with optimism to better times ahead.

Stay safe and enjoy the Summer.

*S Crosier* Headteacher