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Dear Parents and Guardians

We are really looking forward to welcoming students back to the Academy to facilitate face to face learning next week. We have done our best to keep systems as similar as possible to the Autumn Term to ensure students are comfortable in what they are doing each day. We have, however, made some minor changes to improve the system and make each day run smoothly.

Year group bubbles

Each year group will be kept in a separate bubble, the same way they were in the Autumn Term.

Timings of the day

We have added in mini breaks for students between each lesson, allowing students fresh air in open space between each lesson and a 'breather' from wearing their masks.

Students should arrive on site at either 8:15am (Year 7, 8, and 10) or 8:25am (Year 9 and 11).

Lesson changeovers

Students will no longer be expected to line up outside, but will be guided by the bell to indicate when to move to their next lesson. Teachers will meet and greet students outside the classroom and supervise their movement through the corridors.

Tutor time

The first lesson of every day between Monday and Friday will be tutor time for all year groups. This will be important time for students to be working on the Personal Development curriculum and to spend time with their tutor.

From Monday 15 March onwards, the first session of the day will be Period 1.

Form time will occur between Period 2 and Period 3. Please see the table below showing the timings of the Academy day.

Expectations

- Teaching staff will remind students of the expectations on behaviour at the start of each lesson.
- All students should be wearing full Academy uniform; this includes those in the key worker bubbles through the gradual reopening phases. (School uniform is not required for those students attending for their Covid test only)
- PE Kit: Students will continue to come into the Academy, on days when they have timetabled PE lessons, in full BMA PE kit. (A full letter outlining these expectations will follow shortly).

Catering

The same systems are in place for catering as they were at the end of the Autumn term. All students will have access to the canteen.



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Face coverings

Each student should carry with them a facemask. It is also advisable that each student carries a spare. The government have made it clear in their guidance that students should wear a facemask in indoor spaces, when they cannot socially distance, and this includes classrooms. For those who are exempt, the Autumn term exemption rules will still apply.

Staff will also be required to wear a facemask, but there may be times in the lesson when a member of staff needs to remove their mask to deliver specific lesson content.

Hygiene

Hand sanitisers are available on the way into every building and classroom. Students should sanitise hands when entering into each building and classroom.

Keeping Covid safe

It is important that students who have any symptoms of Covid-19 do not come onto the Academy site.

The main symptoms of coronavirus (COVID-19) are:

- A high temperature – this means you feel hot to touch on your chest or back (you do not need to measure your temperature)
- A new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours (if you usually have a cough, it may be worse than usual)
- A loss or change to your sense of smell or taste – this means you've noticed you cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal

If your son or daughter has had any of these symptoms you should keep them at home, book a PCR test (<https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test>), and follow the government guidance on social distancing.

In the Autumn Term our students responded in a really positive and mature way to the changes. I am sure this will be the same as we return next week. One of the things we have all learnt over the last year is how resilient, flexible and adaptable we can be to change. This is something that has been impressive across the whole Academy community. Our students and staff have also learnt a huge range of new skills, which I am sure will make a big difference to the Buckler's Mead learning environment moving forward.

Thank you all for your ongoing support. We continue to receive many positive messages to the welldone@bucklersmeadacademy.com email address, especially following our positive Ofsted visit. These really do give us all a boost.

Yours faithfully



Mr Mark Lawrence
Acting Headteacher

The Academy Day

	Year 7, 8 & 10	Year 9 & 11
8:15:Arrival 1	Go directly to muster points for collection	
8:25:Arrival 2	Go directly to muster points for collection	
8:30-9:20	Lesson 1	Lesson 1
9:20-9:30	Changeover	
9:30- 10:20	Lesson 2	Lesson 2
10:20-10:25	Short Changeover	
10:25- 10:40	Break	Form
10:40- 10:55	Form	Break
10:55-11:00	Short Changeover	
11:00- 11:50	Lesson 3	Lesson 3
11:50-12:00	Changeover	
12:00-12:50	Lesson 4	Lesson 4
12:50- 12:55	Short Changeover: Shorter changeover to facilitate move to Read to Succeed.	
12:55-13:25	Read to Succeed	Lunch
13:25-13:55	Lunch	Read to Succeed
13:55-14:00	Short Changeover	
14:00-14:45	Lesson 5	Lesson 5

Year groups will be dismissed from Period 5 Lessons in 2 minute blocks as below.	
14:45	Year 7
14:47	Year 11
14:49	Year 10
14:51	Year 8
14:53	Year 9