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Dear Parent/Carer

Welcome back (almost) to the new academic year. I hope you are all well and your child is looking forward to being back in the classroom. I appreciate this is a different start to the term and to help with this we will be delivering some briefings for the pupils through Microsoft Teams starting on September 3rd so we can be clear with our expectations and reassure pupils that the support is in place should they need it.

For year 8 the times will be as follows:

Year 8	
Thursday 3 rd September	9.30 am (Mrs Keenan) 2.00 pm (Mrs Hylton)
Friday 4 th September	9.30 am (Mr Kehoe) 12.30 pm (Mrs Hylton)
Monday 7 th September	9.30 am (Mrs Keenan) 2.00 pm (Mrs Hylton)
Tuesday, 8 th September	9.30 am (Mr Kehoe) 12.30 pm (Mrs Hylton)

The link to these live sessions will be sent to parents and pupils by no later than 9.30am on the morning of the session. Your child will simply need to click on the link to access the session.

I also enclose a temporary behaviour policy addendum for you to read and talk through with your child. The temporary changes that are in place in this policy will be reviewed weekly in line with government guidance. As/when it is updated it will be resent to you.

As I am sure you are aware, Bury is currently an area of national government intervention. As such when your child returns to school next week, we will be following this guidance. Pupils will be asked to:

1. Come to school with an appropriate face covering.
2. Wear an appropriate face covering on the school buses.
3. Be expected to wear face coverings when they are moving around school, in corridors and other indoor communal areas.

Reasonable adjustments will of course be made for pupils who are exempt on medical grounds from wearing face coverings. We will fully brief pupils on the in-school protocols when they return to school next week.

If you have any specific concerns you would like to speak to a member of staff about, please contact the main school office from the 2nd September and ask to speak to either your child's form tutor, head of year or a member of the pastoral team.

The phased return to school for pupils is as follows:

Thursday 3rd September and Friday 4th September - Year 11 and Year 7 pupils return to school only.

Monday 7th September - Year 11, Year 10 and Year 7 pupils in school only.

Tuesday 8th September - Year 11, Year 10, Year 9 and Year 7 pupils in school.

Wednesday 9th September - Year 11, Year 10, Year 9, Year 8 and Year 7 pupils in school.

I can assure you that we are all looking forward to seeing, teaching and supporting your children again.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'C Foley', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Mr C Foley
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