



April 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

Firstly, thank you for the overwhelming amount of support that we have received from you in response to the changes that have taken place at The Bulwell Academy. Your support of us, in raising the standards of uniform has ensured that students look smarter than ever before, and a number of comments have been received from the wider public praising how well presented and well behaved our students are en route to and from school. Your children are a credit to you.

I am also proud to report that classrooms across all year groups and all subjects are now free from disruption. High-quality academic and vocational qualifications are empowering, and the impact of the focussed learning environments at The Bulwell Academy will benefit your children long after they have left school. Students are learning so much more and have reported daily a much greater sense of personal satisfaction and wellbeing through their renewed enjoyment of learning.

Feedback from teachers, support staff and other colleagues continues to be consistently positive about the behaviour and work ethic of students and the impact that it is having on the wider aspects of school life. The culture that has been created is allowing everybody to thrive, and the hard work and commitment from our staff body has been nothing short of inspiring.

Attendance and Punctuality

When we return after the Easter break, we will maintain the high standards of behaviour and uniform that everybody has contributed to achieving, and will additionally focus on raising the standards of punctuality and attendance. ***Ensuring that all children are supported to be punctual and present every day is critical to their success in life.***

Children that attend well and on-time are statistically proven to achieve more and, as a result, have a much better chance of enjoying the benefits associated with higher earning potential, greater self-confidence, increased choice and, as such, are more able to take advantage of many of life's fantastic opportunities. Conversely, the impact that poor punctuality and poor attendance has on a child's education and well-being is significant. Attendance and punctuality are quite literally life changing and, as such, I am writing to share with you again our expected times of arrival for each year group.

Year Group	Expected time of arrival	Moving to Tutor Time from Line-ups
7	0820	0825
8	0840	0845
9	0840	0845
10	0820	0825
11	0820	0825



Students arriving late to school disrupt the start of the day for their peers, and late arrival to lessons disrupts learning.

Students arriving after the time at which their peers are moving to tutor time will be recorded as late by our attendance team. **On the third late arrival in a half-term, RESET will be sanctioned.**

To help us support you and your child, if you foresee any reason for your child's late arrival or absence from school, please contact our dedicated attendance team by calling the school reception and selecting 1 from the list of options.

Alternatively, please email attendance@bulwellacademy.co.uk. Given Year Managers are on duty at this point, they will not be able to receive these communications by text message - it is the attendance team who need to be informed.

Communicating with School

Following the full return of students to the Academy after lockdown, **from Monday 19 April, Year Managers will no longer be able to answer calls or respond to text messages on their work mobile phones** (phones which were provided to support students and families during lockdown). Given all students are now back in school, Year Managers' priorities must be supporting the students in school. Going forward, if you need to contact the school for any reason, please call the reception on **0115 964 7640**. Alternatively, you can also email enquiries@bulwellacademy.org.uk.

Given the use of mobile phones is banned on the Academy site, please refrain from calling or texting your children during the day and instead use the contact information provided.

A list of other useful contacts is given below which will support you to get through to the right people more efficiently.

Year Managers

Enquiries relating to pastoral support can be raised to the relevant Year Manager using the email addresses below.

Year 7	Mr Chambers	brandon.chambers@bulwellacademy.org.uk
Year 8	Ms Jones	julie.jones@bulwellacademy.org.uk
Year 9	Mr Orridge	matthew.orridge@bulwellacademy.org.uk
Year 10	Miss O'Sullivan	theresa.o`sullivan@bulwellacademy.org.uk
Year 11	Mr Leith	andrew.leith@bulwellacademy.org.uk
Years 12 & 13	Mr Cook	michael.cook@bulwellacademy.org.uk

Academy Improvement Leads

For all questions linked to your child's performance in a particular subject, please contact the relevant subject lead using the email addresses below.

Maths	Mr Hayton	dominic.hayton@bulwellacademy.org.uk
English	Mrs Beresford	Nicola.Beresford@bulwellacademy.org.uk
Science	Mrs Nixon	Alexa.Nixon@bulwellacademy.org.uk
Geography, History and Languages	Mr Matthews	james.matthews@bulwellacademy.org.uk
Art, Technology, ICT, Business, Health & Social Care, Hair & Beauty	Miss Cooper	Natasha.Cooper@bulwellacademy.org.uk
PE, Music, Drama	Mr Howarth	Ben.Howarth@bulwellacademy.org.uk



SENDCo

If your child has additional needs, to support their learning please contact our SENDCo, Mr Slater, at bradley.slater@bulwellacademy.org.uk

Safeguarding

If you feel that a child is in danger or at risk of harm, please call the school reception immediately on 0115 964 7640 and ask to speak to Mrs Wallis or email safeguarding@bulwellacademy.org.uk.

For other queries linked to child safety, please email Mrs Wallis at caroline.wallis@bulwellacademy.org.uk or safeguarding@bulwellacademy.org.uk

Leadership

If you need additional support, please email Mrs Sadler at Tracey.Sadler@bulwellacademy.org.uk who will be able to direct your enquiries to the correct member of the Senior Leadership Team.

We endeavour to reply to all communications received within 24 hours and I thank you in advance for your patience with this.

We look forward to welcoming our students back to school and seeing how much they can achieve in the coming weeks.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mrs Strong'.

Mrs Strong
Principal