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Year 6 pupils

Dear Year 6 pupil

## **MOVING FROM PRIMARY TO SECONDARY SCHOOL IN 2020**

I hope that you are looking forward to joining your secondary school in September. I am sorry that the end of your time in primary school cannot be as it usually would. Many of you have now returned to your primary schools however a number of classmates remain at home. I know that your primary teachers are striving to make these last few weeks special for you whether you are in school or are at home.

Moving to secondary school is an important milestone for you. This year Bury's high schools have not been able to welcome you for your transition day in the school. Instead secondary teachers are finding innovative ways to communicate with you.

Over the last few weeks a group of primary and secondary teachers have been working together to share ideas and resources to support you as you transition from primary to secondary education. Three secondary schools have provided special materials for English, mathematics and science for all Year 6 pupils to try. These resources are in addition to those provided by the individual high schools. I thank all teaching staff for their work. The resources can be found at <https://www.burytsa.co.uk/developing-teaching-learning/transition-high-school-2020>.

I would encourage you to work through the activities that your school asks you to do. You are welcome to do more as there are additional resources on the website. As part of this, please discuss your thoughts and feelings about leaving primary and starting secondary education with an adult; either your teacher in school or a parent/ carer at home.

Our high schools are changing their plans for the start of the Autumn Term in September to ensure that you have more time together as Year 7 pupils to be introduced to secondary school life and to have your questions answered.

It has been lovely for many of our primary schools to have welcomed you back over the last few weeks. Schools are just not the same without you.

Best wishes for a safe, happy and healthy summer.

Yours sincerely

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