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To: All BSP Heads, Academy Trust
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Dear Parent/Carer

School Reorganisation in the Bury St Edmunds Area

Further to our letter dated 2 July please see the following in response to requests for further information.

As stated in our previous correspondence, with the exception of schools in the Bury St Edmunds Academy Trust (BSEAT), all remaining schools serving the Bury St Edmunds area including the Catholic schools, will operate a two tier system from September 2016. The table on page 4 provides a summary of the current and proposed school provision for the area.

As previously advised, the move to a two tier system will be carried out in stages. To check options for your child as changes take place please see the timeline below. At present there are no changes to the admissions arrangements for provision of school places. Admissions for all school places are managed by the County Council and more information about the admissions process can be found at www.suffolk.gov.uk/admissionstoschools

The timeline for the changes

Autumn 2014/Spring 2015

- Parents/carers with children in Year 4 wishing to send their child to an All-Through Trust school at Year 5 can make applications for Horringer Court and Westley Middle Schools. The closing date for applications will be 15 January 2015. These arrangements will continue in subsequent years.

January/February 2015 – Catchment Consultation

- Suffolk County Council will be consulting on admission arrangements for the new high school on Moreton Hall and any proposed changes to the catchment area for King Edward VI CEVC Upper School.
- The results of this consultation will be known by April 2015.

September 2015 – First Changes

- Catholic and Bury School Partnership Primary Schools retain Year 5.
- There will be no transfers to Hardwick, Howard, St James and St Louis Middle Schools.

Autumn Term 2015 – Secondary application deadline

- All pupils in Hardwick, Howard, St James or St Louis Middle Schools will have to apply for a secondary school place in September 2016.
- Applications can be made for King Edward VI CEVC, St Benedict's or the new Moreton Hall high school for Year 7 and Year 8 places.
- Applications for Year 9 places can be made for all Bury area secondary schools. Whilst the BSEAT admissions policy prioritises children moving from Horringer Court or Westley Middle Schools there will be places available for children from other schools.
- Please look out for information from your school and Suffolk County Council regarding application deadline dates.

Spring Term 2016 – Primary application deadline

- Applications for and intake to all primary schools remains the same.
- Please look out for information from your school, early years provider and Suffolk County Council regarding application deadline dates.

August 2016

- Hardwick, Howard, St James and St Louis Middle Schools close.

September 2016

- Year 5s, other than those transferring to the All-Through Trust, become the first Year 6s in the Catholic and Bury School Partnership Primary Schools.
- Years 7,8 and 9 in the two tier system start their new school
- Induction days and the transfer of some year groups will be agreed locally and you will be informed of these arrangements by individual schools.

Information for parents

Information on the choices parents/carers will have in Bury is available on the SOR website - <http://www.suffolk.gov.uk/your-council/decision-making/consultations/consultation-school-organisation-review-in-the-bury-area/>.

If you would like advice on school choice you can also contact The Admissions Team, Endeavour House, 8 Russell Road, Ipswich, Suffolk IP1 2BX. Telephone: 0845 600 0981, 9am-5pm or email admissions@suffolk.gov.uk.

School Preference Advisors are available during term time to help you. You can contact an advisor through the Parent Partnership Helpline on 01473 265210 or by email at parent.partnership@suffolk.gov.uk.

I hope that this information is helpful. Your headteacher will keep you informed about what is happening at your child/ren's school. Please let them know if you have any questions or contact the SOR team on 01284 758829 or email sorbse@suffolk.gov.uk.

Yours faithfully



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LIST OF SCHOOLS	School	Current		Future	
		Age range	Published Admission Number (PAN*)	Age range	Published Admission Number (PAN*)
Bury Schools Partnership These schools will move to a two tier system	Abbots Green CP	3-9	60	3-11	60
	All Saints Lawshall CEVCP	4-9	21	4-11	20
	Gt Whelnetham CEVCP	4-9	20	4-11	20
	Guildhall Feoffment CP	4-9	50	4-11	45
	Hardwick Primary	4-9	45	4-11	45
	Howard CP	3-9	45	3-11	45
	Ickworth Park Primary	4-9	40	4-11	30
	Risby CEVCP	4-9	30	4-11	30
	Sebert Wood CP	3-9	60	3-11	60
	Sexton's Manor CP	3-9	30	3-11	30
	St Edmundsbury CEVAP	4-9	60	4-11	45
	Westgate CP	3-9	60	3-11	60
	Hardwick Middle	9-13	100	-	-
	Howard Middle	9-13	100	-	-
	St James CEVA Middle	9-13	124	-	-
	King Edward VI Upper	13-18	350	11-18	220
New High School	-	-	11-16	120	
Catholic Schools These schools will move to a two tier system	St Edmund's Catholic Primary	4-9	60	4-11	60
	St Louis Catholic Middle	9-13	110	-	-
	St Benedict's Catholic Upper	11/13-18	60 Yr 7 150 Yr 9	11-18	150
1.	*PANs for the primary schools above change from September 2015.				
2.	*PAN for King Edward VI Upper is from September 2016				
Bury St Edmunds Academy Trust	County Upper School	13-18	260	13-18	260
	Horringer Court Middle	9-13	117	9-13	100
	Westley Middle	9-13	116	9-13	116
	Barrow CEVCP	4-9	30	4-9	30
	Tollgate Primary	4-9	60	4-9	60