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Dear Parent/Carer

P7 Transition Programme Update

Throughout this session we have remained hopeful that we would be able to provide a visit in person to the school for all P7s before summer. As we had been provisionally planning for such transition visits in the second last week of June, we were optimistic that regulations for schools would further ease in keeping with broader easing of restrictions across society. However, we have recently had confirmation of two ongoing restrictions which have led us to the view that a physical transition for all will not now be possible.

The first of these is a confirmation that P7 pupils will not be allowed to travel on school transport alongside secondary pupils as would normally be the case for their transition days. The absence of such transport obviously provides real difficulties for the school, but we had already begun to look at ways of organising alternative transport ourselves. However, we were advised last Friday (14th May) that secondary schools would be required to maintain bubbles for each primary school during any visits. This would mean that pupils would not be allowed to join S1 classes with those from other schools nor have any other sort of meaningful interaction with them, which are two of the key purposes of transition days. We were also advised that if we were to conduct these transition events entirely outdoors, pupils would still need to maintain physical distance, which again makes most meaningful activities impossible. I hope you will appreciate that we have done everything we could in pursuit of in-person visits for all, but regrettably current restrictions simply make them impossible.

Whilst we cannot provide these experiences this side of the summer, we do intend to provide a programme for our P7 at the very beginning of term by way of induction. This programme will include the following:

- an address from the headteacher and an introduction to key staff and prefects
- house challenges
- a tour of the school
- a range of indoor and outdoor activities delivered by school staff in conjunction with some of our partners
- a fun introductory lesson from every department

A more detailed programme with additional information on what to wear, school lunches, timings of activities will follow before the end of term.



In the meantime, I do hope that you enjoy the virtual transition programme and we look forward to meeting everyone in person in August. If you have any queries before then please do not hesitate to get in touch with us directly.

Yours faithfully

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