22nd May 2020

Dear Parent / Carer,

I hope that you are well and coping under these extraordinary circumstances. I am writing to make you aware of our transition arrangements for the next half term.

I would first like to say that we are delighted that you and your child have entrusted us with the next stage of their Education. We understand that this is usually an exciting but anxious time for the children, however in light of the current climate, I am sure that you are all feeling a bit more anxious than usual.

Normal transition arrangements are obviously not possible so I would like to outline what we aim to do over the coming weeks to alleviate any anxiety and make the children feel as comfortable as they possible can in readiness for the start of their secondary phase schooling.

* Accompanying this letter is a booklet for the children to complete. This will help us get to know them and included is a questionnaire, which will help alleviate any worries they may have.
* Mrs Tomkins (Head of Year) has already made contact with all Primary Schools to discuss potential friendship groupings. This information is very useful when setting up form classes for next year.
* Our website has a ‘Transition’ section which will contain all the documents your children (and you) will need. (This will be live by 30th May)
* The website will contain a number of videos which will give a good idea of the layout of the school and some well documented concerns will be answered by some of our current pupils.
* Our 3 cornerstones : Aspiration, Belonging, Character are central to our working as a school. We have incorporated the work of Mathew Syed in our Year 7 curriculum this year and pupils have worked through materials based on the ‘You are Awesome’ book. Our ‘Be Awesome, Go Big’ package aims to help Year 6 pupils transition into Year 7. It can be used by students and parents at home and is designed to be motivational, helpful and reassuring to help young people feel valued, loved, encouraged and equipped for the exciting journey ahead. This package can be completed over the course of the next half term.
* At the beginning of June, we will send out a second booklet which will contain further activities which the pupils can complete to help understand what will be expected in secondary school.
* We will be adding more documents into the website which will cover a number of areas, such as: Classcharts, School Uniform expectations and a Parent Handbook which will outline a number of the processes that operate within the school.

If you have any questions or you need further clarification, please contact the school and Mrs.Tomkins will be available to support and help with any queries.

Yours Sincerely

Shaun Clarke

Headteacher