

Year 6 Transition

Dear Parent/Carer

I hope that this letter finds you and your family safe and well. As I write to you, we still find ourselves in uncertain circumstances due to COVID-19. This week, primary schools have re-opened for Year 6 students, yet reports suggest that attendance across the country has been variable. Whether you have chosen to send your child to school or not, you will, no doubt, be experiencing feelings of anxiety about the safety and well-being of your child, whilst also wanting a return to some kind of normality.

What is clear is that your child's transition to Sir John Hunt Community Sports College will be very different to our normal transition process. However, I wanted to reassure you that we will do our utmost to support your child in their transition. Over the coming weeks, we will keep you updated through letters, emails and a designated Y6/7 transition section on the College website.

The transition team is currently liaising with all of our partner primary schools, to gather key information about your child from their Year 6 teacher. The team will then share this information with colleagues, so that we can better support your child when they join us in September. We also use this information from the Year 6 teachers to organise our new tutor groups.

Under normal circumstances, Mrs Jordan, the Pastoral Leader for Year 7, would visit each of the feeder primary schools and spend time with the Year 6 children, answering their questions and also meeting with their teachers. Whilst these visits will not be possible this year, we will ensure that we share key information about the school with you and your child, including responding to frequently asked questions.

Previously, we have held a Year 6 Induction Evening and an Induction Day for our new cohort of students. However, our main concern is the safety of our community and, given the current situation, we regret that these events will not be able to go ahead this year. Please be assured that, at the beginning of the new school year, we will have a thorough induction period for the new Year 7 students, where they will spend time getting to know the routines and expectations, key members of staff and, of course, forming new relationships with their peers.

For some students, particularly those with EHCPs, we would normally have additional enhanced transition visits, however we will have to do things a little differently this year. We will consider how we can best support these students and Miss Nicholas, the SENCo, will be in contact with individual parents/carers regarding this.

I appreciate that many of you will want to get organised with buying uniform and PE kit. We are working closely with our suppliers and would just like you to be aware of the following:

The Schoolwear Shop plans to re-open on 15th June <http://plymouthschoolwear.co.uk/>

Proserve, our PE kit suppliers, are advising parents to order online, for free delivery to school in September <https://proservegroup.com/>

We are currently working on an induction pack, which will contain all paperwork and information for you – this will be posted out the week beginning 22nd June. I would also recommend that you take a look at our College website, which can be found here:

<http://www.sjhcsc.co.uk/our-college/welcome>

In the meantime, if you have any queries or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Jordan: s.jordan@sjhcsc.co.uk

With my very best wishes,

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