

21 May 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

RE : Year 6 Transition for September 2020-2021

I am writing to keep you updated regarding our Transition Programme for Year 6 students who will be joining All Saints CE Academy in September 2020. An online copy of this letter can be found at the Yr6 Transition tab on our website at <https://www.allsaints.dorset.sch.uk/>.

Given the recent announcements about Year 6 students returning to schools from 1 June, I am sure that some of you will be feeling uncertain about the next few days and weeks, let alone the upcoming transition to secondary school for your children. I hope, therefore, that the details set out in this letter are helpful and reassure you about our plans.

Senior Leadership Team

The two key senior colleagues who are leading the transition programme are Mr McDonald, Assistant Vice Principal (Inclusion) and Mrs Jeanes, Assistant Vice Principal (SEND/CO).

Both colleagues have begun a series of detailed meetings with primary schools to gather information about our incoming Year 7 cohort and to ensure that we have the information and any plans in place to support them as they step up to secondary school. Mrs Jeanes has also begun contacting the parents and carers of identified individual students to arrange Enhanced Transition arrangements.

Should you need to contact either Mr McDonald or Mrs Jeanes, please do so by email at transition@allsaints-academy.co.uk.

Getting to know your child

Moving from primary to secondary school is a once in a lifetime event that many of us will remember well! Whilst for many it is an enjoyable, fun filled experience, we do recognise that for others there will be understandable nerves and worries.

In order to help us get to know your child, we ask that you complete a short survey, which you will find on the Y6 Transition tab on our website <https://www.allsaints.dorset.sch.uk/>. In the survey, there are questions about your hopes for your child, your child's hopes, any possible concerns, their thoughts about friendship groups and your preferences about timings for our online Welcome Meeting. Please be aware that we build tutor groups very carefully taking into account the information received from students, parents and carers and the primary schools. I hope you understand, though, that we cannot guarantee particular combinations of students.

Uniform

Please be aware that we have updated our uniform for 2020 onwards to include a strand of gold in the blazer logo and tie. Blazers with the embroidered logo can be purchased at the Schoolwear Shop in Weymouth. Alternatively, parents and carers may wish to buy a plain black blazer and sew on an All Saints badge available from the Schoolwear Shop. Students must wear a blazer with the logo on it.

Ties at a cost of £3.00 will only be available directly through the school and although the mechanics of how we will get these to you need to be confirmed in the future, please do not worry – we have plenty of stock for everyone.

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Our uniform requirements can be found on our website. Our advice would be to wait just a few more weeks for the national guidance about school opening before ordering uniform. I appreciate being organised is helpful, but am also conscious of the rate at which children grow and would like for your child to have as much wear from their uniform, particularly the blazer, as possible.

Online Welcome Meeting

We are unable to run the Year 6 Welcome Evening in its normal format, given the current social distancing measures in place. We are therefore pleased to invite you to our Online Welcome Meeting which will be delivered via Zoom on 25 June. In order to give you a choice of suitable times, please express your preference in the survey mentioned above. An invitation will be sent to you nearer the time using your email address which we have asked you to confirm on the survey.

Any questions?

Prior to the Online Welcome Meeting, we are inviting parents and carers to submit any questions that they may have to transition@allsaints-academy.co.uk. We will then compile a list of FAQs and responses. Should you wish to, please do send a short video question asked by your or your child and we will incorporate these into our Welcome Meeting presentation.

Future Communications

I will write to you again in the week commencing 15 June to finalise the Welcome Meeting. We will share our Welcome Booklet with you and also provide our Request for Information Form that you must return to us to ensure we hold emergency contact details, medical and other important information for your child.

By then, we may well have further information about the lifting of the lockdown measures and I hope that the next few months will be clearer for all of us.

Keeping in touch

Please do keep an eye on the [Y6 Transition page of our website](#) as well as our official Facebook page and Twitter Account. If you are not able to make contact by email to transition@allsaints-academy.co.uk the office phone, 01305 783391, is manned weekdays, 8:30am to 3:00pm.

Finally...

I would like to take the opportunity to wish you and your family a peaceful and restful break over the half term. At All Saints, we are very much looking forward to meeting you and your children in the near future.

Yours faithfully



Mr John Cornish
Principal