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School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

It is strange to write to you about transition in these unprecedented times. The transition journey to Langdon Park School is being adapted and will look different this year. Typically, I would already have started going into primary schools, meeting lots of excited and enthusiastic Year 6's and having in depth discussions with teachers.

Transition to secondary school is such an important and momentous journey and we value this and we always try to offer a comprehensive transition package that sets the highest expectations for our students, embeds our core values and gives them a friendly, warm, engaging welcome.

Now, it's fair to say that this year's transition journey is going to be different to any other, with COVID-19 and social distancing. Whilst it is still uncertain when schools will re-open and what, if any, Langdon Park transition events can go ahead as planned, what is certain is that we still want to offer the best, most meaningful transition that we can in these circumstances. To this end, please see below for the working plan for transition 2020:

WHAT WILL HAPPEN:

- Welcome packs will be posted out to parents in July
- Transition workbooks and activities will be available on the school website

The working plan is to collate all transfer forms with information on our New Year 7's that Year 6 teachers are currently filling out and, where possible, I will hold discussions with year 6 teachers.

We completely appreciate how worrying this must be for your Year 6 son or daughter going back to their primary school with social distancing and other guidelines put in place. As a result, we are aiming to put together a 'Remote Transition Package' for Year 6 students that will help support your child to be the best that they can be through the transition.

Our aims will be:

- To increase awareness and develop the core values at Langdon Park
- To promote positive mental wellbeing in these unique times
- To support your child with their typical 'worries' about starting secondary school



The following action points are what we aim to deliver to all Year 6's during transition:

1. Adapted 'transition week' workshops that develop our 4 Bes, which are 'be inclusive', 'be a learner', 'be professional', and 'be knowledgeable'. Workshops exploring building friendships, and communication through the 'ready to go big' programme
2. To provide engaging and challenging transition learning projects in English, Maths, Science and other subjects. These activities will be designed to keep students active but to also prepare students for Year 7 learning (during the summer holiday)
3. A reading list of engaging books to keep the imagination rolling during the summer term and to help prepare students for Year 7 learning.
4. A package of wellbeing activities to help promote positive mental health and relaxation

All of the above will be available as documents via the following ways:

- Downloadable from the Langdon Park Website – Welcome Year 7, [click here](#)

You will be able to email your child's work for us to showcase on our website/Twitter page, to celebrate what they are doing, to find out more [click here](#).

THE NEAR FUTURE:

When we are back at school, there will be an Induction meeting for students and parents where you will be able to meet your child's Form Tutor in addition to meeting our Head teacher Mr Langham, Mrs Olaye (Transition Lead) Mr Pearce (Head of Year 7) and other key staff.

WHAT WE NEED FROM YOU:

- We will be using the email addresses provided through Admissions, if this is not your current email, please email the transition email address with the most up to date address
- Ask your child if they have any questions about moving to Langdon Park – what might they be worried about? What are they curious about? What would they like to know? These questions will help form the Q and A section on our website. Please email any questions to: transition@langdonpark.org

Yours Sincerely,

Mrs Olaye
Transition lead