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Dear Parents and Carers

Firstly, can I thank you for your patience with regards to transition.

These past few weeks have been very challenging and we have been waiting for Government guidelines as to what our transition plans would look like.

We are looking forward to welcoming your child to The Hart School in September 2020. In normal circumstances, your child would have been invited to visit our school over the coming weeks in order to support them with their transition. However, we are having to do things differently this year and unfortunately visits are not possible at this time.

### **Transition Event**

I am delighted to inform you that during week commencing 6 July we will be launching our Transition Event booklet with a virtual tour and video messages from our Leadership Team, along with a timetable of optional activities and events. Your child will be able to access our online taster sessions in English, Maths, Science, Design and Humanities via our website under the Parents section: New Year 7 page. If you do not have access to a computer, the virtual transition days can be accessed through your primary school who will be running sessions on site. You should contact them directly to discuss this.

We will be sharing optional Summer Challenges with parents/carers via our website to continue to help prepare your child for their transition to The Hart School in September 2020.

We would love to share and congratulate submissions of your child's work from both the Taster Days and Summer Challenges. This would be shared on our website and associated social media. Make sure you send us your name and primary school when entering the challenge. Publications can be anonymous if preferred; if you do not want us to share your name on the website or social media let us know when you send in your submission. Submission of work should be emailed to [newyear7@hartschool.org.uk](mailto:newyear7@hartschool.org.uk)

### **Uniform**

We know you may have lots of questions about your child's transition to our school; purchasing uniform is one of the current areas of uncertainty. I can confirm that both our uniform suppliers have uniform in stock.



Each provider is operating as follows:

- Blueprint Designs are open Monday to Saturday from 9.00 am to 5.00 pm for 'off the shelf' purchases which do not require to be tried on. If your child will need to try on a variety of items and sizes, you must book an appointment via Blueprint's Facebook page.
- Uniforms Plus are open Monday to Saturday from 10.00 am to 4.00 pm (currently closed all day on Wednesdays). It is possible to walk in and purchase items, either 'off the shelf' or they have changing room facilities. It is recommended that an appointment is made by telephone but it is not compulsory.

## Updates

Please be assured that behind the scenes we are doing everything we can to ensure the smoothest possible transition for your child. In addition to the work of the Transition Team, Mr Redpath (Transition Lead); Mrs Knight (Head for Year 7); Ms Murdoch and Mr Bradbury (Student Support Officers) and Mrs Lewis (SENCO) have been in regular contact with our feeder primary schools over the last 2-3 months, collating a significant amount of background information on all of our September 2020 intake.

The school's website is updated on a regular basis and here you will find a specific section for Year 6 to 7 parents/carers on the 'New Year 7' page <https://www.hartschool.org.uk/main/parents/new-year-7>, which contains answers to frequently asked questions; video introductions from key staff and Faculty Directors; online Transition Event booklet and key forms that need to be submitted to us ready for September.

Our SENCO, Mrs Lewis, is in the process of organising individual face-to-face meetings for some students in Year 6 who may require additional support with the transition process. However, these face-to-face meetings will be limited to students requiring additional support.

In the meantime, if after reading and watching our Year 6 Induction booklet and Transition Event handbook, you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school on the following email address: [newyear7@hartschool.org.uk](mailto:newyear7@hartschool.org.uk).

We look forward to a time when we can meet you and your son/daughter in person.

Yours sincerely

**Mr C Keen**  
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