



ST MARY'S COLLEGE

July 2021

Dear Parent/Carer,

Thank you for all of your support and communication regarding our revised transition arrangements in the current circumstances. We really appreciate your ongoing patience, engagement and understanding and we are really looking forward to meeting the children properly in September.

We have been pleased to hear how excited the children are to be joining St Mary's College in September and it is also completely normal for Year 6 students (and parents/carers) to feel a little nervous about making the move to secondary school. We hope the Virtual Transition week has provided some reassurance in this regard.

Please note, school will start for new Year 7 students on WEDNESDAY 8th SEPTEMBER in order to allow for appropriate preparations in line with government guidance - this is a change from previous correspondence.

Year 7 will start St Mary's College on **Wednesday 8th September** whilst other year groups in the main school will not return until Friday 10th September. This is advantageous as it means we will have two days with only Year 7 in school which allows us to provide some retrospective transition. This will include time with tutors, some lessons and the completion of an online English assessment which will provide us with up to date, accurate data in the absence of SATs results this year.

School photographs will also take place on Wednesday 8th September so please ensure your child comes in full, correct school uniform.

Please find enclosed the following items which would have been given to your child in Transition Week under normal circumstances:

- A reading book (based on the reading level shared by your child's primary school).
- An optional literacy activities booklet.
- The second edition of our Transition newsletter.
- A Barnardo's 'Summer Re-charge' booklet.

Please continue to refer to all the documentation we have sent home regarding transition, all documents and videos are posted on our website too (www.smchull.org) in the Transition 2021 section.

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We continue to prepare to welcome your child in September and we will do all that we can to ensure their start to St Mary's College is positive and successful.

To help your child be ready to join St Mary's College in September please ensure the following preparations are completed:

- All Microsoft Forms links in letters are completed at your earliest convenience and any hard copies of forms that have been sent home which require a response are returned to St Mary's College.
- St Mary's College is informed of any change of address or contact numbers.
- Your child has full correct school uniform in line with all guidance sent home in May and July and detailed on our website.
- Your child has a strong school bag, ideally a rucksack.
- Your child has all essential equipment and their own pencil case (see equipment list sent home in June and on our website)
- School bus arrangements (if required) are made in response to information sent home in July – please also ensure your child knows the number of the bus they are travelling on and where to get on and off the bus.
- Your child's ParentPay account is credited with sufficient funds ONLINE ready for food/drinks to be purchased in September - please do not send your child with cash.
- Read with your child or encourage your child to read as much as possible in support of the enclosed literacy guidance and activities.
- Discuss all transition documentation we have sent home with your child to reassure them and talk through any questions or worries they may have at this time.
- Contact us – please do not hesitate to email Transition@smchull.org should you need to update us on anything relating to your child at this stage or regarding any of the enclosed information.

In addition to equipment detailed in previous correspondence, please ensure your child has packs of tissues and hand sanitiser for September. Your child should also bring a water bottle to school as students are permitted to drink water in lessons.

We will await government guidance regarding the wearing of face masks in secondary schools. Once this guidance is received, we will communicate updated requirements and expectations for September to all families.

The Year 7 Team will also send some text messages in early September to communicate key reminders before the students join us. In the meantime, please do not hesitate to contact us using the Transition email if you have any queries.

We wish you a safe and restful summer holiday and look forward to working with you and your child in September.

Yours sincerely,

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