

June 2020



Dear Parent/Carer,

## ST MARY'S COLLEGE

I am writing to update you on the Transition arrangements for this year and to explain the enclosed documentation regarding St Mary's College. Regrettably, in line with current government guidance and restrictions, Year 6 – 7 Transition arrangements will not take place in Hull schools as they have in previous years. Therefore, Induction evening and Transition week will NOT take place for current Year 6 students. Induction Evening would constitute a 'mass gathering' and is therefore not permitted under current lockdown restrictions. Transition week would involve the movement of 380 children across the city from numerous settings and them being brought together at St Mary's College. This is evidently not feasible whilst the current restrictions apply in the best interests of your child's and your family's health.

However, please be assured that over the past month Miss Tuthill (Transition mentor) and I have liaised extensively with Primary colleagues and have discussed each child transferring in detail and shared this information with relevant colleagues at St Mary's College. Whilst we are obviously very disappointed not to have the opportunity to meet the children prior to September, we are also as prepared as we can be to support them when they do join us due to the information gathering we have recently undertaken (which is more extensive than in previous years due to the circumstances). Thank you for your communication via the Transition email: [Transition@smchull.org](mailto:Transition@smchull.org) – your emails have been positive, supportive and informative and have assisted us with making the necessary arrangements at this stage.

Please find enclosed the following documentation which we hope may provide some reassurance and answers to queries you may have at this stage:

- Information booklet for Parents/Carers which provides overall guidance on Secondary school / St Mary's College.
- Frequently Asked Questions for Year 6 Parents/Carers.
- Key Reminders for September for Year 6 Parents/Carers.
- Keeping Children Safe in Education leaflet.
- Information booklet for Year 6 students which provides overall guidance on St Mary's College.
- SMC Extra-Curricular Sports clubs information for Year 6 students.
- Uniform guidance booklet – for Parents/Carers and Year 6 students.
- Letter detailing SMC rules on personal appearance – for Parents/Carers and Year 6 students.
- Equipment checklist – for Parents/Carers and Year 6 students.

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We fully appreciate that documentation cannot replace the experience of visiting our school, but we hope it will go some way towards providing guidance, reassurance and information at this uncertain time. Further information will follow regarding your child's Tutor group and Personal tutor in June. We will also send forms to be completed which must be returned to St Mary's College prior to September. Finally, updated information including school buses and ParentPay arrangements will follow in July.

In the meantime, we will 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. At home, there are also some practical things you can do to prepare and support your child at this stage including:

- Ensure your child has written their letter of introduction to St Mary's College – thank you for all of the letters we have already received. If your child did not manage to complete this due to lockdown please encourage them to complete it now. Some of the St Cuthbert's Trust Primaries were originally going to complete these in school so this may be the first time you are aware of the letter of introduction – please could you now encourage your child to complete the letter at home following the guidance enclosed. This documentation is NOT enclosed if a letter has already been received – please disregard this reminder if a letter has been sent to SMC very recently.
- Complete the Admission form if not yet returned (another copy is enclosed if we don't yet have your completed copy – please disregard this reminder if you have sent this form very recently)
- Purchase school shoes – plain, full black shoe – no heels/trainers/boots.
- Purchase school uniform online from Rawcliffe's – see enclosed uniform booklet.
- Organise / purchase the necessary equipment required for St Mary's College - see the enclosed equipment checklist for guidance.
- Ensure your child has a good strong rucksack / school bag ready for September.
- Continue with home-learning and work hard Year 6 students if/when you return to Primary.
- Exercise daily – maybe try some of our PE department's challenges on Twitter @smc\_sport!
- Read – read with your child or encourage your child to read as much as possible – we have a huge emphasis on reading at St Mary's College and methods to develop readers of all abilities to support them in successfully accessing the broader curriculum.
- Discuss the enclosed documentation 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](mailto: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.

We continue to follow Government and DfE guidance closely in light of the current lockdown restrictions and to adjust our subsequent Transition procedures accordingly in line with the guidance for Secondary schools. We will provide updated information in the coming weeks and months and updates will also be published on the school website: <https://www.smchull.org/news/transition-news>

We are really looking forward to working with you and your child and we appreciate your continued patience and understanding at this unusual time.

Yours sincerely,  
Miss A Ramsden (Transition Coordinator)

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