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Dear Parents/Carers

RE: Wyvern St Edmunds Year 6 Transition.

We do hope this letter finds you and your families well.

Due to Covid-19, the world has changed for everyone, and we are no different. We would have loved to have given each child the opportunity to visit us in Term 6 to enjoy the usual Transition experience. There would have been opportunities to familiarise the children with the other new students, the staff and the surroundings. However, it is with huge regret that we have to change how we welcome new Year 7 students into our school in light of strict Government guidance over safety, as we are sure you will fully appreciate. On Thursday 11th June, all the secondary school headteachers met and came to a common conclusion that **schools cannot offer any kind of transition in person this term**. This is because the government guidance tells us that students must stay in 'bubbles' and there should be no transfer of staff or students between 'bubbles'.

We know that this will come as a huge blow, (we are very sad about it too) but **don't worry: we have lots of other things planned** and can assure you that our new Year 7s will have a proper induction day at some point before the whole school return, hopefully in September. In the meantime, we plan to have a comprehensive range of information that will include fun, familiarisation activities such as quizzes, staff videos and lots of school information including videos of the new tutors and key staff. We will also include practical help such as maps of the school, timings of the day and uniform.

Our main method for communication will be the **Year 6 Transition links** on both the Wyvern College and the St Edmund's websites. The Year 6 Transition links will be identical on both websites. We aim to provide all the information that students and parents need to be as prepared as possible for the new academic year. Please do keep checking the websites every Friday as there will be frequent updates and additions to help your child get to know us.

<https://wyverncollege.wilts.sch.uk/year-6-transition-due-to-covid-19/>

<http://st-edmunds.eu/admissions-recruitment/year-6-transition-due-to-covid-19/>

We are also regular users of social media and will post the Year 6 to 7 videos and activities on our **Facebook and Twitter** pages – please follow/like us and you will see our regular updates. You will also be able to learn lots about us and our staff from looking through previous posts:

Facebook: Wyvern St Edmund's Learning Campus

Twitter: @wyvernstedmunds

@HeadWyvernStEds

You may be interested to know that there will be just under 300 boys and girls, in ten tutor groups coming from 48 different primary schools! **We have now spoken to all of the Year 6 teachers from all the schools about every single child that is joining us.** The conversations have given us invaluable insights into each child's strengths, interests and areas where they need support. This information is helping us to create tutor groups and teaching groups which we will advise you of tutor groups and teaching groups in due course.

We are all too aware of how uncertain things are due to the COVID 19 outbreak. However, we will do all we can to ensure you feel fully welcomed into the school. The first video we want to film will be Mrs Bull, Headteacher and Mrs Kantolinna, Head of Year 7, answering your questions. We would **ask that you or your child email us with any question they would like an answer to:** it could be questions about toilets, rewards, sanctions – whatever you want to know and we will answer them in a video – all questions will remain anonymous so feel free to ask anything! Please email y6transition@wyvernsteds.org with your questions by Friday 26th June 2020.

One of the most common questions we have at the moment is uniform: the transition area of the websites will soon show more information about our new uniform. We are sorry for the delay, but our suppliers had furloughed their staff so we were unable to publish links to buying it because it could not be made! More information will follow, but don't buy it just yet: Year 6s tend to grow a lot over the summer!

We look forward to seeing you soon and please remember to check the websites for updates.

Yours sincerely



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Headteacher



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Head of Year 7