



Horsforth School

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Dear parents/carers

12 May 2020

We hope you are keeping well during this very difficult time.

Ordinarily we would now have met at our 'Looking Ahead' evening in March and would be embarking on the next stage of the transition for students over the coming weeks.

We hope you managed to watch the video of the presentation we were unable to deliver in March and found it of some use. Obviously things are still very much unknown in terms of what the next few months will look like in school but we wanted to write to you with some reassurance and some updates on our plans for transition over the coming months in light of the current situation in schools.

We had planned for the students to attend a 'getting to know us' session in May/June with their primary teacher and class, or with other primary schools for those who are coming as a small group or individual. Sadly this has to be cancelled this year as student safety is paramount.

We want to assure you that we continue to be in close contact with our primary colleagues and will endeavour to do all we can to ensure the students' transition is as effective and supportive as it can be given the situation we find ourselves in.

We have written a letter for students; attached to this email. Please do pass this on. We hope it provides some reassurance for them.

We would also like to direct you to our website where you will find a lot of the information you need in the meantime.

We are currently working on our alternative transition package, some of which we plan to be available from next week. We will update you when they are ready.

We are currently planning...

- A virtual tour of the school
- A short video with messages from some of our year 7s
- A help guide/information leaflet which covers a lot of the information we would have covered during the getting to know us session
- A quiz for students to have a go at to test their knowledge of Horsforth School

We will of course update you in due course as we receive more information on possible timescales and can plan accordingly for the next phase of the transition.

We very much look forward to welcoming and supporting your child and working with you over the years to come.

If you do have any specific questions or queries then please email them to newintake@horsforthschool.org

May we also take this opportunity to remind you to return your student details form if you haven't already done so. These can be emailed to the address above or returned in paper format to reception.

For now, please take care, take some time to have a look at the resources mentioned with your child and we will be in touch when we know more.

Kind regards

Miss McFadden and Miss Dalton