



# Horsforth School

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Dear parents/carers

We hope you are keeping well.

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.

With the restrictions beginning to ease, we are hopeful that some of our face to face transition events can happen later in the Summer Term. As you will appreciate, we are still working with an ever changing picture. We will endeavour to update you as soon as we can on final plans as we get updated guidance to work from.

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 would normally be preparing to have year 6 in the building next week along with their primary peers for our 'Getting to know us sessions'. Sadly we're not quite in a position where that's possible just yet. 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. Our work with the primaries is already underway; we will spend the coming weeks gathering key information about all Year 6 students to enable us to plan for their arrival in September.

In terms of sharing information with you as parents, and your children in order to '**Get to know us**', we want to direct you to an area of the website where we will share resources over this transition period which should help replace, to an extent, the elements they are not currently able to experience through our Getting to know us sessions.

Rather than overwhelm you with lots of information all at once, this information will be shared and the area updated piecemeal as we go along, with different aspects to focus on as we move through the process.

**On the website now**, there is a short **quiz** which students can have a go at to assess their knowledge of Horsforth School already. There is also a **who's who** document which they can read to familiarise themselves with some key staff in school.

We have also included a **'key dates'** document for students where we outline our plans for the next few weeks and months in as much finality as we can.

Following this, we will share a presentation video which contains the answers to the quiz and lots more .....

We hope these initial resources are of use.

The area of the website where these are located is shown below:

<https://www.horsforthschool.org/useful-information/admissions-and-open-days/#tran>

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

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](mailto:newintake@horsforthschool.org)

May we also take this opportunity to remind you to complete your child's medical and contact details on-line at <https://horsforthschool.applicaa.com> Your logon and temporary password was emailed on 17<sup>th</sup> May, but if you are experiencing difficulties, please let us know.

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, Mrs Hardy and Ms Bradbourne

(The Year 7 Transition team)

Dear Year 6 student

I wrote to you before half term to introduce myself but also to tell you a little bit about the plans we have for your transition this year.

We hope you are ok and are looking forward to joining us in Year 7. We know things are still a little strange right now but hope our letter before half term helped a little.

We are now going to start sharing more resources with you to try and help.

As the government update us on the current situation we can keep making and changing our plans. Check back on our website transition area regularly for updates as we will keep adding things

To start with there is a **quick quiz**, you don't need to return it but it's something you can have a go at to see how much you know already!

There is also a **Who's who** document which you can look at so you can see some of the people you will meet when you join us and know what their job is and a **key dates** guide too so you know what our plans are!

Over the next few weeks there will also be a welcome video from me and a presentation with the information we would have shared with you at our *Getting to know us sessions* which you would just have attended as well as the answers for the quiz

There is more to come don't worry!

Take care

Miss McFadden