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Dear Parent/Carers of Year 6 students,

Re: Transition into Secondary School

I would like to welcome you to our school; I hope you and your child/ren are happy that they have gained a place at STFS and we very much are looking forward to meeting all parents, carers and students when the current situation allows.

I am writing to you at a time that is so very different to what transition looked like for the year 6 cohort last year and indeed the years before. As you can appreciate, as a secondary school we have faced many hurdles over past few weeks. We are all adjusting to the “new normal” whilst trying to ensure our students feel supported in their continued home learning environment.

However, we are now very excited to turn our focus to our September 2020 intake. We want to make this as stress free and as seamless as possible for every single student joining STFS. You will no doubt be aware, the government has announced that all being well, Year 6 will return to school on 1st June. This will bring mixed reactions to each and every one of you for very different reasons. For your children, school will be a very different place then it was when they were last there; We understand that this year’s Year 6 cohort have been stripped of their rights of passage: the residential, the leaver’s party, sports day and transition into secondary school. Whilst we cannot tell you what transition looks like right now, we are doing everything we can to make sure that it does happen, albeit in a different way than usual. We would like your child/ren to feel excited and have no apprehensions about joining us in September. We are a kind and caring school, which now, more than ever is so important to the wellbeing of our students.

Soon I will be sending out some paperwork and forms, which I would like you to fill in and send back. This is to make sure that we have all the necessary information to enrol your child into our school. This will be followed by a further guide providing useful information for parents and carers around uniform, the school day, useful contacts and a formal welcome from our Headteacher, Mr Pledger.

In the meantime, please find attached to this email, the first edition of our newsletter, designed specifically for your child/ren! Please do take the time to show them this newsletter and encourage them to take part in the quiz. ClassChart points are what we use at STFS to reward good behaviour and we will be awarding ClassChart points to all students who complete the quiz, with extra points available for those who get all the answers right!



We are also putting together a video, so that students can meet some key members of staff prior to arriving at STFS and a virtual tour of the school as well as an area on our website dedicated to our September 2020 starters – watch this space!

Please do bear in mind that whilst the plans laid out above are how things look right now, the situation could be very different in a couple of weeks' time; we will try to keep you informed of any developments as soon as possible. In the meantime, if you have any queries at all, please do feel free to contact me; whilst I may not have all the answers right now, I will endeavour to be as helpful as I can.

Yours faithfully,

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