



The Avon Valley School and Performing Arts College

4th May 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

Year 7 Students – September 2020

I am delighted that your child has been offered a place at The Avon Valley School for September 2020, and would like to extend a warm welcome to you as you enter into the partnership that exists between us, and our students and their families.

Between now and September, we will do our best to help your child become familiar with us, to make them feel part of their new school and to reassure them about their future. Sadly, our usual programme which starts with visiting your child in their primary school will not be able to take place and we are therefore looking at other ways to engage with your son/daughter. As a starting point we have developed a work booklet for you to complete with your child which is based around reflecting on the change to secondary school. The booklet has been included with this letter and we hope that it engages your child in starting to think ahead to the September term.

The websites listed below also offer support with transition, as year 6 students across the country face the challenge of moving through transition during this period of uncertainty.

<https://youngminds.org.uk/resources/school-resources/find-your-feet-transitioning-to-secondary-school/>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/transitioning-to-secondary-school/zkc9pg8>

<https://www.mentalhealth.org.uk/learning-disabilities/our-work/employment-education/moving-on-to-secondary-school>

Transition Days – July 2020

This year, the school had intended to run our traditional two-day transition programme on the 8th and 9th of July. Clearly at this point it is unlikely that this event will be able to go ahead as originally planned but we would hope that by July we may well be able to have the children join us in school for a period of time so that they can familiarise themselves with the staff and the building, and get to know other students within their tutor group.

Despite the high levels of anxiety that some students feel on the first morning, we have found that transition time is always a positive experience and that students really enjoy having the opportunity to get to know their form tutor, make new friends and get their bearings around the school. I am confident that if we are able to invite your child into the school at this stage it will be very reassuring for them and will help to inspire them and raise anticipation levels for the September start.

Details of how any such transition time is to be organised will be shared with you nearer the time if we are able to go ahead with this event.

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Transition Evening

As part of our induction process we usually have an induction evening when all new students and their parents join us, filling our school hall. Clearly this will not be appropriate under the current circumstances and we will need to consider carefully other ways in which we can share information with you about your child's new school. Further information regarding the school can be found on the school website at www.avonvalleyschool.co.uk

Admission Form

To ensure that we have all the relevant details about your child we ask that all parents/carers complete our admission form. This form is available on the school website under the 'Year 6 Transition' tab and can also be accessed from this link:

<https://forms.gle/HqdfQUxWzkVJ8jqm9>

I would be grateful if the form could be completed by May 30th please.

First day of Autumn Term – Thursday 3rd September 2020

For **Year 7 and Year 11** students only.

Our **current** planning for the start of term in September is that Year 7 will start on Thursday 3rd September and be able to spend their first two days in school together, with support from the Year 11 students, before those in other years return. I am sure that you will understand however that due to the current circumstances plans may well change over time and we will keep you informed as decisions are made.

Once again, a very warm welcome to you all. It is very sad that we are not able to plan transition in any more detail at the moment but please be assured that we will do everything in our power to ensure your child's time with us is happy and successful. In the meantime, if you have any queries or further questions you would like to ask, please do not hesitate to contact our Primary Transition Leader, Mrs A Bearpark, on abearpark@avonvalleyschool.uk

With best wishes

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