

OUR REF: MDN/XHT

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Dear parent/carer

Year 6 Transition arrangements

I hope that you and your family are well.

I am writing to you to update you on the arrangements for the transition of your child to Ridgewood School this year as part of their preparation for joining us in September. The circumstances in which we find ourselves in relation to the Covid-19 pandemic mean that our normal arrangements will not be able to take place. The decision has been taken across the Local Authority that Year 6 children will not be able to spend time in their secondary schools until September at the earliest. This means that the planned week of transition for your child at Ridgewood School in w/c 29 June and the Parents' Evening on 2 July cannot now take place.

However, I would like to reassure you that we are completing detailed plans for the 'virtual transition' of your child to Ridgewood in September. We know that this is an important and exciting time in your child's life and we want to do all that we can to support your family during this challenging time. We will be in touch with you again shortly to direct you to the dedicated 'Year 6 Transition' area of our website where you will find all the information that you need to support your child as they prepare to join us. Our virtual package will include answers to frequently asked questions for both students and parents/carers, and access to resources that can be completed remotely.

We would like to reassure you that many of the normal processes of transition are still taking place. We continue to work closely with your child's primary school headteacher and Year 6 teacher to ensure that we have as much information about them as possible. This will support them as they move on to the next stage of their education at Ridgewood.

Our main communication with you will be through the dedicated page on our website which we plan to make live in the coming week or so. We will be in touch with you again at that point to give you further details.

Yours sincerely

M H Dunn
Headteacher

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Associate Assistant Headteacher with responsibility for transition

