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Dear parent/carer,

We hope that this letter finds you and your families well at this challenging time. Thank you for your patience during what must be a worrying time for you as your child prepares to start secondary school in September.

We would like to formally welcome you to the Ridgewood School community. 240 Year 6 students have been offered a place at Ridgewood School from September 2020 and we are looking forward to preparing them, along with you, for the next chapter in their educational journey. We want to take this opportunity to reassure you that we are currently working on transition arrangements that are best suited to the circumstances in which we find ourselves this year. Our work is being informed by the Local Authority, to ensure that we are following the Government's guidelines. The priority, as with any decision we make, remains the safety of staff, students and parents/carers. However, we are aware that you will be apprehensive about ensuring a smooth transition for your child. We are confident we can still achieve this, in partnership with your child's primary school. Even in these challenging times, we have continued to communicate regularly with all feeder primary schools and will work closely with them throughout the remainder of the summer term to support your child as he/she prepares to start secondary school.

We can confirm that, following guidance from the Government, unfortunately the Transition Week scheduled to start on Monday 29 June 2020 will not go ahead. As a result, we are currently finalising alternative ways to replicate elements of this experience virtually and/or remotely. This provision will include answers to frequently asked questions for both parents/carers and Year 6 students, introductions to key staff, and key information about the school. All this information and other important messages regarding transition will be available on our school website by June 22, so please keep checking the [Year 6 Transition](#) page for updates.

Between 1 July and 3 July, Doncaster Council will be hosting some virtual transition events via Google Classrooms. By the end of June you will receive a pack from Doncaster Council that will provide you with the details of how to access Google Classrooms, along with a workbook for your child to complete during this period.

Once your child logs into the Ridgewood School transition classroom, they will find a range of resources and activities that they can work through independently. There will also be a timetable of activities and events your child can take part in throughout the three-day period, with clear instructions of how to do this.

If you do not have access to a computer, the virtual transition days can be accessed through your primary school who will be running sessions on site. You should contact them directly to discuss this.

In a pack of information that you will receive in the post from your child's primary school, you will find important Admission Forms that we require from you in order to complete your child's admission to school before September. Please complete these accurately and return them to your child's primary school by July 10. If you have any questions about the Admission Forms, or any other element of our transition process, please use the '[Contact Us](#)' facility on the Ridgewood School website and a member of staff will get in touch with you. Please also download the School News app ([details on our website](#)) to get alerts when news stories about the transition process are added to our website.



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We look forward to welcoming your child to Ridgewood when school reopens in the new academic year. We will support all our new students closely to help them adjust to their new surroundings and expectations. Until then, we will continue to work closely with you and your child's primary school to ensure their transition experience is as enjoyable and successful as possible in these difficult circumstances.

Yours sincerely



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