

OUR REF: APN/XHT

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Dear parent/carer,

I hope this letter finds you and your family well.

### **Year 6 Transition Update**

I would like to welcome you to the Ridgewood School community and thank you for your patience during what is likely to be an exciting and nerve-wracking time for parents as well as children as they prepare to transition to secondary school. It is our job to ease those nerves as much as we can for you and we will endeavour to do so over the coming weeks.

252 students will be joining us in September and we are looking forward to preparing them, along with you, for the next chapter in their educational journey.

Unfortunately, the face-to-face Transition Programme scheduled to commence on 5 July 2021 has been cancelled, in light of national guidance that was issued about preventing the mixing of primary school bubbles. If this were to go ahead we would be welcoming students from 20 different primary schools, therefore it would be impossible to run this effectively without compromising the safety of everyone in their current primary school bubbles.

I am sure this news will cause you some concern, however, I want to take this opportunity to reassure you that we are working with the local authority to run a Virtual Transition Programme instead, similar to the one that was used successfully last year.

### **Virtual Transition Programme 5 July – 7 July**

Doncaster Local Authority will be hosting the Virtual Transition Programme via Google Classrooms. By the end of June you will receive a pack from them 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. Your child will log into the Ridgewood School Google Classroom, where they will find a range of resources and activities to complete that will prepare them for their time with us.

If your child does not have access to a computer, the Virtual Transition Programme can be accessed at their primary school, who will make on-site provision available. You should contact them directly to discuss this.

Furthermore, the Ridgewood School website will be updated with a dedicated page for 2021 Transition. This page will include answers to frequently asked questions for both parents/carers and Year 6 students, introductions to key staff and a virtual tour of the school. Please keep checking the transition section of the website and follow us on Twitter [@HelloRidgewood](https://twitter.com>HelloRidgewood) for updates.



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## Admission Packs

It is important that we have all the correct information about your son/daughter before they start at Ridgewood in September. You will receive an admission pack from your child's primary school containing the important documents that we require you to complete accurately and **return to your child's primary school by Friday 9 July**. If you have any questions about the admission pack, 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.

## Summer School 23 August – 27 August

Although our face-to-face Transition Programme cannot go ahead in July, we are still intending to run a Summer School from Monday 23 – Friday 27 August, 10am – 2pm each day. All Year 6 students who will be joining us in Year 7 are eligible for this opportunity. This will support them in preparing for Secondary School and will give them access to a wide range of exciting opportunities.

If you haven't already done so, please use the link below to complete the brief survey, by 6pm on Monday 28 June, to express interest in sending your child to Summer School, to support our planning of this event.

[https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=MYHMUWAwkESFyb2mg15U5ykevywUzHFJlUtdPK\\_LmPZUQUZMNjhBSVJZWklBUkZDM1lFOzITUIZUSC4u](https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=MYHMUWAwkESFyb2mg15U5ykevywUzHFJlUtdPK_LmPZUQUZMNjhBSVJZWklBUkZDM1lFOzITUIZUSC4u)

We look forward to welcoming your child to Ridgewood. Despite the adjustments to the transition process this year we will continue to support all new students closely, to help them adjust to their new surroundings and expectations.

Yours faithfully



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Headteacher