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Dear Parents, Carers and Year 6 children

As primary schools are now open again for Year 6 pupils, we thought it would be a good time to update you on our plans to support your child through their transition to The Buckingham School.

You should have received by now (and returned to us), the Admission Forms and the Friendship Form, which were sent to you when your child was offered their place with us. These are vitally important as they not only give us critical information about your child, but also provide information which helps us to create the Tutor Groups. Also, just in the last few days, you should have received a registration link to allow us to start communicating with you via ParentMail.

This current pandemic has meant that we have had to make huge changes in terms of what we have been able to offer your child with regards to Transition Support. We fully appreciate that this time will have been unsettling for them all.

But changes can be for the better. To assist your child in getting a good feel for our school, both the physical school buildings and our ethos and way of working, we have created for you an electronic Newsletter, which can be found by clicking on this link:

<https://www.buckinghamschool.org/parentportal/newsletter/?itemid=142>

It includes a wealth of transition related information and useful resources including:-

- A welcome video which includes talks from our Headteacher and our Head of Year 7 plus a tour of the school
- Student Top Tips from some of our current students
- Information about Uniform
- A Getting Organised for Secondary School booklet
- Student First Team information, so you can find out more about the staff who will be looking after your child's welfare and wellbeing
- Who to contact, and so much more.

As the current restrictions won't allow us to hold our usual Induction Days and Information Evening this year, we are planning to meet your child remotely. This will give them the opportunity to meet their new Form Tutor, find out which House they are in, understand the structure of the school day and have the opportunity to ask any questions they may have about their transition to The Buckingham School. Full details regarding the remote Induction sessions will follow in due course.

Whilst these are unusual times for us all, please be assured that making your child's transition from primary school to The Buckingham School as smooth and comfortable as possible, is a

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priority for us. We have been working very hard behind the scenes, talking with their primary schools and gathering a wealth of knowledge, so that when they start with us in the Autumn term, we know as much as we can about each and every one of them.

We are very much looking forward to welcoming your child to The Buckingham School.

Yours faithfully

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