



Principal: Helen Corbett

Dear Parent / Carer,

16 June 2021

We hope you are well and your child is looking forward to joining us in September. Thank you for the information you have completed via the Google form or through discussions with Ms Wilkinson, this really helps with the creation of the form groups.

You may have seen recently the updated Government guidance to schools regarding face to face transition visits, which has outlined to secondary schools, if they plan to run 'in person' visits the students must be kept in their primary bubbles. This means they will not be able to be in their new form groups on the day. Despite this stipulation we are continuing with the transition visits on the 6th & 7th July, as we recognise their value in ensuring students feel comfortable when joining us in September.

As a result, we will plan activities to ensure students are within their own primary bubbles for the activities throughout the day and during their free-time. For those students coming from smaller primaries or where they are the only pupil from a primary school, we will plan so they are not isolated and they are fully included within the activities.

In order to assist with the planning for the day if you could send your child in with a packed lunch, this will help us to keep the students in their primary bubbles during lunchtime. If you are currently in receipt of free school meals please inform us via the link below and we will arrange for food to be available.
<https://forms.gle/P8Q5UqCuHgCeSs4p8>

In line with the current government guidance, to maximise safety of all involved we have made the difficult decision to run our parents' transition evening remotely this year. We would love to welcome you all in person to George Spencer Academy, but given the number of families this is the safest option. We will put together an event remotely to ensure you are fully informed ready for your child starting in September, as we understand this could be a stressful time for parents too.

It is our aim to make the transition from primary to secondary as smooth as possible, we will continue to contact you regularly during the remainder of the summer term, this communication will include:

- A virtual tour available remotely for all students prior to the transition days, to familiarise them with the surroundings before they arrive;
- Information about the transition days and where to go on the morning and during the day of the 6th & 7th July;
- A link to the resources for the parent's information evening on the 8th July;
- A link to a Google form for any questions you may have following the 2 days and the parents' information evening, we will post a video answering these questions;
- An introductory video from your child's Learning Manager;
- Information about your child's first day and what they can expect.

Any letter or link shared with you will also be available via the George Spencer Academy website.

We are very excited to meet our future Year 7 students in July, until then if you have any queries please contact us at school.

Yours faithfully

Mrs H Corbett
Principal

Mr K Hartley
Assistant Principal