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Dear parents, carers,

We are very much looking forward to welcoming our new Year 7 for September 2021. Following the Prime Minister's announcement this week that the lifting of all restrictions would take place on the 19th July 2021 instead of the 21st June, we have had to amend our transition arrangements to keep everyone safe and abide by the guidance.

- **The CAT tests** will **not** run on Saturday 26th June, as we need to limit the number of visitors to the school and indoor activities. We will wait to see if we are permitted to run these at the end of July or if we wait until September.
- **The New Parents' Welcome Evening** will be a virtual presentation instead of a face-to-face meeting in school to stay in line with government guidelines. We will also postpone the scavenger hunt.
- **Family Welcome Telephone Call:** A member of our Transition Team will give you a call in the next two weeks. This will allow you to share any information about your child including her gifts and talents and clubs that you hope for her to join at our school and ask any questions that you may have.
- **New Year 7 Induction Day 6 July:** This will go ahead, but our new girls will be kept in smaller groups and for half a day only. Further details to follow closer to the date. This is a Borough wide agreement and possibly the most essential part of the process for the children to visit their new school. We will run this in smaller bubbles and hopefully with a significant part being held outside.
- **Three-Day Summer School: 26-28 July:** This will go ahead as planned and once again we will keep our students in bubbles (their new tutor groups) and outside where possible.

To continue to protect our young students, we will follow our system of controls, which will include bubble groups for the Induction Day and Summer School and shorter time spent in school on the 6th July. Hand sanitiser will be available in all the classrooms and the building will have its own hand basins, toilets, and soap. All classrooms will be ventilated and any opportunity to run the sessions outside will be explored.



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The information that we received from the Borough also includes the following advice on Lateral Flow testing (LFT):

“We recommend that feeder schools (Primary schools) be asked to advise parents to undertake a Lateral Flow test of their child before the transition day”.

Should the LFT show positive, your daughter should not be sent to do her induction day; the same goes for any symptoms that she would display and are linked to the Covid symptoms (the most usual ones being a cough, a temperature, a headache, a loss of smell and taste).

As advised by the Borough *“in the event of a major outbreak or lockdown, Schools are advised to organise a virtual Induction day”* we very much hope that this will not be the case.

We are looking forward to welcoming our new intake and are acutely aware of the challenges that our young people have been through. Please do rest assured that our specialist Transition Team will be on hand to do our very best to ensure a smooth and happy transition for our intake, September 2021.

Yours sincerely



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