

29 April 2020

Dear Parents and Carers of Year 6

Welcome to Park!

We are writing to formally welcome you and your child to Park Community School.

Please be assured that we are busy planning for your child's transition to Park and, despite the very strange times we are currently living through, we will ensure they are well-prepared and have a positive start to life at secondary school.

There is lots we do not know at the moment, including dates for school to return. Therefore, we do not know if we will be able to run our Freshers Week in July as we usually would. But once dates can be confirmed, we will write to you again.

Some of these things we are doing are outlined below:

- **Transition information form your child's current school** – We are meeting Year 6 teachers remotely to gather information including attainment, any specific needs they have and individual information about them that will help us to help them thrive at Park.
- **Transition projects** – We had already planned some reading and maths projects to support transition. These would have been started in Year 6 classes and continued with us in Year 7. We are planning with headteachers to work out how we can still go ahead with these.
- **Meeting parents and students** – This is important to us. You will be part of Park's community and we want to get to know you. We may have to do this differently this year, perhaps phone calls rather than meetings. We will contact you to arrange these later this term.
- **Induction into Park** – If schools do not return to normal in the next few months, we will provide a virtual induction package which will include video tours of the school, staff and learning at Park.

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What next?

Stay in touch with us. We are sending a newsletter to students and parents every week during lock down. We have included our most recent one in this pack. Our weekly SLT assembly is also being delivered remotely at the moment. You can find it on Facebook every Monday.

We need you to do a few things to help us.

- **Consent booklet** – this is enclosed in this pack. Please complete, detach and return the forms to Park as soon as possible, but keep the actual booklet at home for reference.
- **Ask your child to write us a letter, with a picture if they'd like to, introducing themselves to staff at Park** – we would love to know something about every Year 6 who is coming to Park in September. Don't forget to include full names and current school too.

Ms Bannard, Assistant Headteacher, oversees transition and she will contact you later this term. If you have any questions please email them to Ms Bannard (s.bannard@pcs.hants.sch.uk) or Miss Binns (our Head of Year 7 on a.binns@pcs.hants.sch.uk) and they will be able to help or pass you onto someone who can.

Finally, we hope you and your families are well and look forward to meeting you all as soon as we are able.

Yours faithfully

Christopher Anders
Headteacher

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Head of School