

Thursday 17th June 2021

Dear Parent/Carer,

I am writing to update you on the Transition arrangements for Bluecoat Trent Academy this term. It has been a pleasure speaking to many of you over the last few months during the Transition phone calls. Please don't worry if you have not had yours yet, the team are still working on this; it is just a very small team and a lot of calls to make! We have also been contacting your Primary schools, and visiting in some cases. This has been limited by Covid restrictions but rest assured, we are gathering information to smooth the transition, even if we can't attend in person.

This term we are holding our Uniform Sizing Event on the 25th June. This will be a great chance to see the building we will be housed in for the first two years and meet some of the staff. The appointment times have been circulated today.

Unfortunately, following the Government's most recent Covid-briefing, subsequent guidance from the DfE and the increasing infection rates in Nottingham, the Trust have made the decision to cancel our face-to-face Transition Days on 6th and 7th July. I assure you we are as disappointed as you are. We have spent lots of time planning these days but safety must always come first. We have over 50 Primary feeder schools and we simply cannot maintain Primary bubbles or socially distance the students. The infection rates in Nottingham have increased sharply since half term and we do not want to put the staff, students and families at further risk across the City.

Whilst the Government have said that there is a chance that restrictions may be lifted earlier than this, this would mean leaving this decision until 5th July. This would leave only 1 day to notify you of our plans; we do not feel this gives sufficient time to give you the clarity of information we strive to offer and enable you to plan appropriately.

We understand that transition events are crucial for you and your child to feel prepared for September so we will provide online resources and videos for the students. The evening events will go ahead with a revised Risk Assessment and will take place on **Monday 5th July - Wednesday 7th July**. This event is for families to find out more about how and what we learn and how you can help prepare your child for the start of term. You can also meet the key staff including the Tutor team. We will let you know which night to attend nearer the time as this is dependent on Form Groups.

Our SENDCo will continue to contact the parents of students where additional needs have been highlighted, as we know you may benefit from a little extra support through transition.

Start of term for year 7: **Monday 6th September**.

If you have any questions in the mean-time please contact the school and a member of the Trent Team will get back to you as soon as possible.

Thank you for your understanding,
I look forward to meeting you in the coming weeks.



Miss C McManus
Principal