

## **BROOKVALE GROBY LEARNING CAMPUS**

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Dear Parents/Carers,

We are looking forward to welcoming your son/daughter to the campus in the new academic year and had hoped to be able to meet them in person for transition days at the end of this term. I have been fortunate to be able to visit all of the schools earlier this year along with Mrs Rumming, Head of Year 7, and to deliver packs to the students joining us.

However, following a number of concerns raised, we have asked both the DfE and the Local Authority to clarify whether or not pupils from a range of feeder nurseries and schools can be placed in the same class for a transition day. They have responded with the following points:

- The latest guidance says schools should complete thorough risk assessments before running transitional, taster and open days to ensure that they are run in line with the system of controls and the roadmap out of lockdown.
- Schools are expected to plan these days with the bubble system in mind, keeping children in their existing bubbles as far as possible, to reduce transmission risks. Children from different feeder schools should not be in the same groups. This does of course mean that these days will not run exactly as normal and appreciate that careful planning may be required.

With the above guidance, cases on campus and in the local community in mind and after also consulting with other secondary schools in the area we have taken the unfortunate decision to cancel the transition days on campus.

We will be making arrangements to do as much as possible online/virtually to welcome your child to our community. We are also hoping to be able to offer bookable tours of the campus so students can visit before their August start. We are also working closely with our SEND team to establish a bespoke package for any students who may have identified needs or are vulnerable. We will confirm details of this in a future correspondence.

In the meantime if you have any questions or queries please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Tina Rumming who will be the Head of Year 7 - <u>trumming@brookvalegroby.com</u>.

Yours sincerely

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