

CARDINAL WISEMAN

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Year 6 Transition 2021

Dear parents/carers and pupils,

We hope that you and your family are keeping well during these unprecedented times.

I am writing to inform you that a decision was made across Birmingham schools to cancel Transition Day that was scheduled on Wednesday 7th July. This is hugely disappointing for many reasons, however, the decision was made due to rises in COVID-19 infection rates across the city. With this in mind, we have also decided to cancel Induction Evening. I am sure you will agree that the safety of our community is of paramount importance.

Even though these two events have been cancelled, we have an extensive range of activities taking place from now until your child joins us in September and these are outlined below:

Online Transition Meetings – one of our staff will be meeting virtually with the vast majority of pupils who are due to join us. These virtual meetings will be arranged with your child's primary school and will give your child the opportunity to meet one of our staff and ask any questions that they may have.

Transition Forms from Primary Schools - we have already been in contact with relevant staff from the primary schools. We have requested relevant information about your child in-line with the expectations of Birmingham. This is something that we always do as it enables us to have a good understanding about the pupils who will be joining in September.

Year 6 Transition 2021 – website - we have created a new tab on the homepage of our website especially for Year 6 Transition. This will enable pupils and parents/carers to have a clear understanding about life at Cardinal Wiseman Catholic School:



Cardinal Wiseman Catholic School

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Currently you can view our revised '*Induction Pack for New Starters 2021/22*'. This document covers a lot of important information about our school – it is essential that all pupils and parents/carers read this pack. I suggest that you take some time to read it together.

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Over the coming weeks we will be uploading more relevant documents/videos including:

- ✓ an interesting summer homework project for all pupils to complete – this is an important part of transition work which will be used in the first week back for students,
- ✓ FAQs (Frequently Asked Questions),
- ✓ school uniform – a reminder about our school uniform,
- ✓ a series of videos from key members of staff,
- ✓ a virtual tour of the school,
- ✓ a copy of the letter regarding Summer School

We plan on texting or emailing you when we upload new material. However, please check the website for updates.

You can find information about key dates on the homepage of our website. We will write to you closer to the time about the arrangements for that first day of term in September which will be **Monday 6th September for Year 7** pupils as we will use Thursday 2nd and Friday 3rd September as teacher training days.

Please ensure that you keep up-to-date with our transition arrangements as we upload more information. This will help to alleviate some of the worries and concerns that most pupils have when they start secondary school.

Summer School – I am grateful to all parents/carers who completed the first form to state that they were interested in their child either attending or not attending our summer school. Please note that this was only to show an interest and was not a confirmation that your child will definitely attend. It is excellent to see that the vast majority of pupils will be attending as this indicative number has enabled us to make the necessary plans. I'm sure you'll appreciate that organising a summer school takes a lot of planning and time.

IMPORTANT – if your child is going to attend summer school then you must complete the confirmation form by going to <https://forms.gle/fL4hmKtJmWb8WX5ZA>.

This is a different form to the initial interest form that many of you completed previously.

The deadline to complete the confirmation form is **Friday 25th June**.

Failure to meet this deadline may mean that your child will not be able to attend.

We have had some parents/carers stating that they have not received information from us regarding our summer school. We have sent letters to all parents/carers via the email addresses that were provided by Birmingham City Council when you applied to join us. On that note, **it is essential that parents/carers keep us informed about any changes to their contact details including address, mobile, telephone number and email addresses.** This is a matter of effective safeguarding as well as ensuring that you do not miss out of important information.

Even though we did hold Open Day events last September when you applied to our school, we are aware that some parents/carers will not have had the opportunity to visit the school during school time. If you are interested in visiting us and seeing our wonderful school in action, please let us know and we will try our best to arrange a visit for you with careful consideration for social distancing.

I know that it is disappointing that Induction Day and Induction Evening have been cancelled, however, the extensive arrangements that we have in place will help to ease the transition process, particularly if your child is able to attend summer school.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch with the school – transition2021@cardinalwiseman.net

Take care and look after yourself and one another.

Yours sincerely,

Anthony Beckett (Senior Assistant Head Teacher /DSL)

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Summer School – Monday 26th to Friday 30th July 2021

Dear Parent/Carer,

At Cardinal Wiseman Catholic School, we are offering a **free one-week Summer School** to all children who are joining us in September to ease the transition process. The Summer School will provide a week of exciting and memorable experiences for all year 6 pupils.

The aims of our Summer School are as follows:

- ✓ To ease the transition process and improve the confidence of children with a focus on personal well-being;
- ✓ To allow pupils to experience Cardinal Wiseman. This includes working with children from their year group enabling them to develop friendships, working with staff & getting to know their way around the building;
- ✓ Ensure that students have the right set of numeracy and literacy skills for secondary education;
- ✓ Develop a sense of belonging and team spirit.

Whilst attendance at the Summer School is optional, the recommendations of our school's transition team and the government, is that all pupils should take up this worthwhile opportunity. Summer School will not feel like an ordinary school day. I would like to stress that this a great opportunity for students who are joining us in September to get to know more about the school, develop friendships and strong working relationships, as well as developing literacy and numeracy skills and being involved in active and engaging practical sessions. Students attending the Summer School should attend all five days of the programme. However, if you have already booked your holidays and your child can only attend on certain days, please let us know when completing the online form.

Please note that Summer School is subject to the national guidance/restrictions.

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Please take the time to discuss this with your child. We hope that your child will be able to attend this fantastic opportunity.

Yours sincerely,

Transition Team

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