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Dear Parent

It is with a heavy heart that I write to inform you that Oathall's transition day on Wednesday 7th July will no longer be able to take place.

With the increasing transmission of the Delta variant and the Government's latest delay to easing the final stages of lockdown for a further month, WSCC has determined that, in the interests of safety, schools should reconsider plans for transition days.

We know that you and your children will be disappointed and we share that disappointment. However, we are determined that our new Year 7 students will have a transition experience and so will hold their **Transition Day on Friday 3rd September** where they will be able to take part in all that we already had planned and more.

Full Transition Day – Friday 3rd September

Your child should attend school at 8.30 am. They should come to the school and enter the hall using the gate from the school drive. Members of staff will be on hand to direct and welcome them into the building. Please do not drive onto the school site to drop your child off. «Forename» will leave at 3.00 pm from the same place they entered in the morning. From the week beginning 6th September the school day finishes at 3.10 pm.

Your child should be in their full Oathall school uniform, wearing school shoes and bring with them a named bag with a pair of trainers, pen, pencil, ruler, a bottle of water and a snack if they wish for breaktime. On the day, the children will be provided with a complimentary school meal at lunchtime.

During this day, the children will participate in taster lessons including Maths, English, Science and PE as well as spending time with their tutor. This will be an opportunity to make new friends and familiarise themselves with the surroundings of their new school.

New Parents Evening - Thursday 15th July

This will now be a remote online event. This is in order to adhere to government guidance and play our part in helping control the spread of the virus.

On 15th July a video presentation will go live from our website. In this information video, you will meet our Headteacher and relevant members of the Pastoral Team including our new Head of Year 7.

Following this presentation, parents will be invited to submit any questions to newstarters@oathall.org. Parents will also be sent a Microsoft Teams link to a live session with their child's tutor at 6.00-6.30pm.

If you have booked an appointment with our SEND team, they will contact you via telephone for this discussion.

2021 Oathall Summer School

Based on the easing of lockdown restrictions later in July, the summer school programme is still planned to go ahead the week beginning 26th July, with sessions running from 9.00 am - 3.00 pm on Monday to Thursday and on Friday 10.00 am - 12.30 pm. As per our previous letter, «Forename» is invited to attend on one of the days between Monday and Thursday and everyone is invited to attend on Friday for a cinema experience.

Questions

You may have other questions about the transition process. If you do, please mail these to newstarters@oathall.org.

We also have a [page](#) on the Oathall website where you will be able to find important information and news for our new Year 7 students.

We know these are very uncertain times for everyone and we will be working hard to make sure our new Year 7s feel confident and excited about their transition to Oathall.

We look forward to meeting you all in September.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs F Hatchard
Assistant Headteacher