

Brownedge St Mary's Catholic High School

Headteacher: Mrs N Oddie BA(Hons) NPQH



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light shine*

May 2020

Dear Parent/Guardian

Welcome to Browndge St Mary's Catholic High School

I am pleased to be able to confirm your child's place at Browndge St. Mary's Catholic High School for September this year. I am delighted to welcome you to our fantastic school. This is the start of a 5-year partnership working together to ensure your child receives the very best education. Your child's education is so important, and a happy start depends greatly on the link between home and school. I hope that together we can forge a strong and successful partnership, which enables your child to be the best that they can be.

I am incredibly proud of our school and our community. Here at Browndge, we are proud of our happy students and staff, both of whom work together to achieve excellent results. This has never been more evident than over the past few months. Browndge students thrive during their time here and visitors frequently comment on students' outstanding manners and behaviour. We expect and give the very best education to every child. The school's mission – "Let your light shine" reminds us of our responsibility to share God's light and we do this daily through living out Gospel values of hope, justice, kindness, courage and patience.

As you can imagine, our transition arrangements were made uncertain when the closure of schools was announced, and I have delayed writing to you for this very reason. I appreciate that the last few months will have been difficult for many reasons and we send our best wishes and prayers to all our families at this unprecedented time.

Our usual transition arrangements include two Induction Days for pupils and one Information Evening for parents. It is clear that our induction practices this year will not be as normal, however, I am optimistic that we can hold some sort of pupil induction sessions for students before the end of July. I will write to you again as soon as I am able to give you some firm dates and possible ways of ensuring that pupils are able to **safely** visit school and staff, meet new friends and answer any questions or worries they may have on starting high school. It is more important than ever that pupils don't feel anxious or concerned about joining a new school and we will do all we can to help this transition process during this difficult time. The same is for parents, who will also be anxious about their child's safety and about their new surroundings. Whether it be in September, or in smaller groups, as like the induction days for pupils, we will endeavour to hold Information Evenings for parents to answer questions and allow you to put faces to names.

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Please find enclosed with this letter several information documents required by us to ensure a smooth transition for your child to Brownedge. Please return the booklet fully completed and signed to school for the attention of **Mrs Chester** by **Friday, 5th June**. You can return them in person, to Reception between 9am – 2pm Monday to Friday. Please observe our Social Distancing rules in Reception if you are coming onsite. Alternatively, you can post them, again marked for the attention of **Mrs Chester**.

There are many other additional points of information I will share with you at a later date. These include information regarding uniform stockists, Year 7 Homework Club, school uniform requirements, guidance on attendance, term dates for 2020-21, Year 6/7 reading lists and much more.

I am looking forward to working in partnership with you to ensure that your child has a great start to secondary school. Please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Chester on 01772 339813 or alternatively chesterv@st-maryshigh.lancs.sch.uk if you have any queries. We will keep in regular contact and are currently developing some transition work packs to help support your child, and ensure they are raring to go in September!

Best wishes and stay safe

Yours sincerely

N Oddie

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