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Dear Parent/ Guardian

Induction to Burscough Priory Academy – Year 7 September 2021

Transition Day- Friday 18 June

This week, the government has announced the extension to the coronavirus restrictions following on from Lancashire's 'enhanced response' to tackle the Delta variant. We have continued to closely monitor all advice and guidance and the impact that this has on our transition programme.

After discussions with our Primary Colleagues, other local Secondary Leaders and in view of the current national and local COVID guidance we have taken the unfortunate decision to cancel our transition day on Friday 18 June. The guidance, received yesterday from the Department for Education and Lancashire County Council recommends that "Class bubbles should be maintained." We had planned for your children to meet with their new House Progress Leader and to get to know other members of their house. Sadly, we know the transmission rates are climbing and, although we are desperately keen for your child to come in for the day, we must consider that the day means we will be bringing young people together from over twenty different primary schools. In the event of a positive case following the transition day, the vast amount of close contacts from a wide range of schools will then have implications for us, primary schools and families based on the track and trace process.

To support your son/daughter's transition, something we highly value, we will work with your child's primary school to provide some key information about our school and in particular, the staff team. We are adapting our plans for September to ensure that their induction is at the forefront of the first few days in school. In place of some of the curriculum activities, we will be putting together a pack of activities that we be asking your son/daughter to complete and return to us. The details on how to return completed work will be in the pack.

We also intend to continue to liaise with our feeder primary schools to explore opportunities for some more of our staff to visit and meet the children and answer any questions they may have following on from the visits that have already happened by Pastoral Managers and House Progress Leaders.

For any students who are particularly worried about starting school, particularly those with additional needs, we will be working with our feeder primary schools to invite a small number of children into school at specific times. Likewise, if any parents feel your child requires an additional visit or a socially distanced tour around the school, we would be happy to facilitate, although you may feel this is not necessary due to this year's Summer School.





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Summer School

As part of the transition process, our Summer School will be running over the course of the week 9 – 13 August. It will contain a range of activities, right across the subject range and team building activities led by teachers and support staff from our school. This will give your child the opportunity to get a feel of the school environment and buildings, meet some new friends and begin their learning journey at BPA. Although we understand some children may be unable to, this will be an exciting and enjoyable week and one that will support their transition to secondary school. **All** of the Year 6 cohort who have a place at BPA are eligible attend there is no limit on numbers nor a substantive charge. The day will run from 9.00-3.00pm with a breakfast club offer from 8.30am.

If you are interested in your child attending the summer school, especially in light of the change in transition day arrangements, please reserve a place by completing this form [Burscough Priory Academy - Summer School 2021](#) by Friday 25 June. Once we have received all the requests for places we will contact those families to confirm a place and with further information on our Summer School programme.

Welcome Evening

Our Welcome Evening which was originally scheduled for Thursday 17 June and, based on the potential lifting of restrictions on 21, we changed the date to Thursday 24 June to allow us to all come together within the school. Unfortunately, this evening is cannot go ahead in light of the 'Rule of 30'. This will be replaced by an online webinar and we will replicate the evening we planned as much as possible. We will write to you next week with further details about how to log on.

Please rest assured that we will endeavour to make the transition process as smooth as possible for your son/daughter despite the ongoing challenges that we all face. If you have any further questions about the arrangements outlined in this letter or any further information that you need, please contact school via e-mail transition@burscoughprioryacademy.org

We are really looking forward to meeting your child, hopefully at the Summer School and then by welcoming them for their formal start on Monday 6 September 2021.

Yours faithfully,

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