



April 2020

Dear Parent/s and Carer/s

I am very pleased that your family have accepted a place at Durham Johnston Comprehensive School and I would like to formally welcome you to our school community. The current situation is peculiar to say the least, but we wanted to reassure you that our transition planning will continue during the current period of school closures.

Preparing to change schools is always a very exciting prospect and we want to ensure that all students feel confident when making that transition. We hope that coming to Durham Johnston in September is something that your child is looking forward to and we hope to share additional information via our website in the summer term, so that students can start to access the range of opportunities that we offer. We have recently written to the Head Teachers of the primary schools that we will be working with as part of the transition process and this will help us to plan effectively for September 2020.

Included with this letter is the Common Admission Form that you are required to complete and return to school as part of the admission process. This information is essential for safeguarding your child(ren). We have provided a freepost envelope and ask that the form is returned to school no later than **15<sup>th</sup> May 2020**.

Please visit the school website [www.durhamjohnston.org.uk](http://www.durhamjohnston.org.uk) where you will find a designated area for Transition information including:

- Life at Durham Johnston School
- Uniform Policy
- General Information
- Durham Music Service

Whilst it seems very unlikely that our usual parental information evenings will take place in the summer term, we are committed to meeting with you when Durham Johnston re-opens. We are already planning for additional induction opportunities for students so that they have a chance to become familiar with the school, their teachers and peers before other year groups return.

I look forward to welcoming you and your child to the school in September 2020 and wish your family good health and best wishes for the coming weeks.

Yours faithfully

*A J. O'Sullivan*

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