



# St. George's School

## A Church of England Academy

'Our vision is to be outstanding through the provision of consistent academic excellence within a caring, Christian community'  
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Dear Parents/Carers,

We are delighted to welcome you and your child to St George's School as part of our new year 7. It's definitely an unusual and challenging time at the moment, and we appreciate you and your child might be feeling especially nervous about the transition into year 7. We had hoped to put on a number of events before the summer as we usually would including: transition week, uniform fitting, meet the tutor evenings etc. Unfortunately, due to the continued concerns regarding Covid-19 and the fact that we are now open to more students, it will not be possible to do this and all events will need to be postponed until September.

As a school, we've had to adapt rapidly over the past few months and, since the start of the lockdown, we have continued to be open for vulnerable pupils and children of critical workers and have been using online learning platforms for all our other students who are working from home. From 15th June 2020 we have also been open to a quarter of our Year 10 students at any one time to give them some face to face teaching before the summer holidays to help them prepare for their exams next year. In order to follow the government's guidelines on social distancing, we've had to adjust our arrangements for supporting this year's transition. However, we hope the information included in this letter will put you at ease and get your child feeling as excited as we are for the new school year.

I realise you and your child may be disappointed that we are unable to offer the transition week before the summer, but I can assure you they will not miss out because of this. Currently we are considering opening earlier for our new year 7's in August, to allow them time in the Academy as one-year group so that they become familiar with our culture, values, expectations and of course orientation around the building. If this is not possible then extra time will also be given to transition during the autumn term and especially over the first few weeks as we make sure our new year 7 settle into life at St George's as smoothly as possible.

At the end of this letter we have included a link to a short google form to indicate if your child would be available during the proposed dates we are considering. The google form also contains a consent box for use of fingerprint technology to pay for food in the refectory. Further details regarding our fingerprint technology are included as a supplementary letter within the pack.

Also included in this letter is

- A link to a welcome video from our current year 7's talking about their transition last year.  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=st2YYBPCKMk>
- A parent induction pack explaining all about St George's.  
<https://stgeorgesblackpool.com/>
- A year 6 knowledge organiser booklet to continue some short revision over the summer holidays

### Uniform

You will no doubt be thinking about the annual trip to the shops to buy the uniform and school shoes. Before you embark on this please could I take the opportunity to ask you to read the uniform policy carefully so that our young people arrive in September in accordance with the school uniform policy. Please follow the link below for more detail.  
<https://stgeorgesblackpool.com/parents/uniform-policy/>

### Questions

It now looks likely that we will have a full return to school in September and we are looking forward to welcoming you to St George's, in the meantime, please feel free to email us with any questions you may have, our pastoral team are always on hand to provide you with any support you may need. We want you to feel at ease with the transition and the start of life at St George's. In this respect, no question is a silly question and we would love to hear from you.

The email address for our pastoral team is [pastoralteam@cidari.co.uk](mailto:pastoralteam@cidari.co.uk)

All of the information in this letter can be found on the homepage of our website in the box titled Year 6 -7 information and the link to the google form can also be found there.

### Google form

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc6PZsr7u5NO6FJA14Yi4CKfi96YA8Bd-SJdJ-uCbq1IcJYPA/viewform?usp=sf\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc6PZsr7u5NO6FJA14Yi4CKfi96YA8Bd-SJdJ-uCbq1IcJYPA/viewform?usp=sf_link)

Yours faithfully

*G Warnock*

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