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Dear Parent/Carer

We are writing to update and reassure you that the Yr6 into Yr7 transition is fully underway.

As you are aware over the last few weeks, Yr6 have been a focus cohort in terms of returning to learning during the Covid-19 Pandemic.

Our Y6 programme will include increasing timetables, recognising the positives and negatives around pupils returning to learning and absolutely focusing on addressing the needs of the pupils; Where gaps have widened, staff have planned detailed sessions to reduce them, building confidence, raising self-esteem and talking generally about the wider national and political picture and the impact moving forward. Staff have been good at designing well considered resources to ensure pupils feel thoroughly safe and supported at all times. Where pupils have not been able to access a face to face timetable, Google Classroom acts as the teaching and learning tool.

So, the next few weeks will show a marked increase in student numbers returning to the learning environment: This will be evident across the Academy. Yr 6 pupils moving into Yr7 at Sutton House Academy will be receiving the following intervention to better equip and enable them to start next academic year positively and well informed.

- The Yr6 work will start to reflect elements of the Yr7 National Curriculum particularly in English and Maths; where SATS have not been scheduled this year, WRAT tests will enable staff to assess their Core competency and other teacher led assessments.
- The Yr7 Class teacher will start to deliver key sessions in the Yr7 form room and introduce Yr6 to other subject teachers within the Secondary Hub. Yr6 pupils will gain the opportunity to access a Secondary timetable as a taster. We plan to do this: Please access the website in advance to take the Transition Tour for advanced advice and guidance
- Some pupils will work specifically in the Y7 Transition Hub with a familiar face to revisit the code of practice and access learning sessions which are not dissimilar to

Primary. Pupils working in the Transition Hub will be identified as those who have difficulties with transition/change and routine.

- Towards the end of the half term, more pupils will be taught within a Bubble, timetables will transition to Secondary/Transition Hub
- All pupils will be accessing learning through face to face or the Google Classroom Virtual platform.

We will write to you again in a couple of weeks to give you more updates around the Yr6 transition experience and possible celebration activities. Please log onto the website for additional information.

Kind regards

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