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Tuesday 6th May 2020

**RE: Upcoming considerations for Y5 parents and carers**

Dear Year 5 Parents and Carers,

It is around this time of year where we would be putting on a meeting for you about secondary school choices. For obvious reasons this won’t be happening this year, although the same procedures will be continuing. The secondary school application process can seem somewhat complicated and daunting but is rather straightforward. Attached with this letter is some information that will hopefully be useful for you, but if you have any questions about any of it, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Being in the grammar school system obviously adds a different perspective and so if you intend for your child to sit the grammar school entrance exam, please see the attached information on how to apply for the exam, and also some information on each school in the ‘consortium’, which includes Sale, Urmston, Stretford grammar schools and Altrincham School for Girls. Should you be interested in sitting the Altrincham Boys exam, this is separate and details can be found at <https://www.agsb.co.uk/admissions/entrance-exam/>.

Note that parents will be able to ***apply from noon on Monday 18th May 2020*** for the Trafford Consortium Testing.

Familiarisation Guides are available to download at any time from the websites.

At this stage the entrance examination will proceed as expected and therefore we would encourage both parents and children to continue as best they can with their preparations.  Please rest assured we will do our very best to keep you informed of any changes due to Covid19 and would advise you to regularly check the schools’ admission pages which we will update once they have the information.

***The entrance test will take place on Monday 14th September 2020 and the closing date for all online applications is 12:00 noon on Friday 26th June 2020.***

Regardless of whether your child will be taking part in the entrance exam or not, the PDF document attached with this email entitled, ‘SECONDARY SCHEME 2021’, provides you with some useful dates and information.

At this time of year, we would also usually be holding a discussion on the Y6 residential trip. We have been going to Newlands in the Lake District for many years now and this will be the first year for quite some time where it has not gone ahead. We expect to be able to offer the trip for next year’s Y6s but obviously due to current circumstances, we are all a little unsure. We’ll keep you posted on that when things become a bit clearer.

Like I said, if you have any questions whatsoever about the application process, do let myself, Mr Greenwood or Mr Holcroft know and we’ll do our best to help.

Take care and stay safe.

Yours sincerely,

***Mr Parker***