



Monday 21st June 2021

Dear Parent/Guardian

Transition Evening Webinar – Thursday 24th May at 6.00pm

We hope you are well and are looking forward to an exciting end of term. We are disappointed that we are not meeting in person in school just yet but it certainly won't be long for those of you who have already signed up for Summer School!

Here is some more information about the events in the weeks to come.

Welcome Evening- Thursday 24th June

In light of the extension to the current restrictions, unfortunately this evening cannot go ahead in person. This will be replaced by an online webinar and, like last year, we will replicate the 'in person' experience as much as we can. Mr Lewis and Mrs Livesley (Assistant Headteacher) will host a webinar for our Year 6 students and their families and, of course, other students in Year 4 or 5 are welcome to join us to get a flavour for who we are and what we do.

In preparation for the event we would like to receive questions from you and your child. What do you want to know and if you had come in person, what would you have asked? [Click here to ask a question.](#) We cannot promise that we will answer every question but we can guarantee that we will try our very best.

On **Thursday evening at 6.00pm** the webinar will 'go live' and will be accessible via a link that will be emailed to all parents shortly or visit the school's website via your browser, there will be a 'pop up' to access the event.

Transition Day- Friday 2nd July

Following our decision to cancel the first transition day on Thursday 17th June, we have worked closely with our primary colleagues and continued to follow all government and Local Authority advice. Unfortunately, despite our desire to press ahead with the day due to the obvious benefits it would bring, we simply cannot guarantee that there would be no mixing of bubbles across schools and to try to keep children separated would clearly contradict the purpose of the day. Therefore, we have made the decision to cancel the planned day on Friday 2nd July. Furthermore, in the event of a positive case, this could result in a large number of students needing to isolate across a wide range of primary schools which would clearly be a disappointing end to their primary school journey.

Whilst we are sure you will share our disappointment, we are continuing with preparations for summer school and we will ensure that, on Monday 6 September, a number of the pastoral activities that have already been planned will be delivered to support your child's transition and orientation to

the school. Finally, we will continue to work with our primary partners to consider opportunities for small groups of students to come into Wellfield for a short tour and to meet some staff.

House Groups

On Thursday afternoon, we will send you an email which will let you know your child's House group for September and for their school career at Wellfield. We know that this is a real highlight of the transition process and information both you and your child will relish receiving. This letter will contain a link to a video recorded by your child's House Progress Leader so that they can identify a key face and know more about the origin and ethos of their House. Our Houses were nominated and voted for by the students in school and we take great pride in being in a House team or family. For information, our Houses are called Campbell, MacArthur and Sharman, all pioneers in their field.

Summer School

As part of the transition process our Summer School will be running over the course of the week 16th-20th August. **All** of the Year 6 cohort who have a place and are eligible to attend and 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. You can book a place for all 5 days or individual days, depending upon your prior commitments. We can accommodate any variation but, due to staffing allocations that will be secured in the planning process, we won't be able to accommodate changes to the bookings after 13th July.

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 Wellfield. Although we understand some children may be unable to attend, this will be an exciting and enjoyable week and one that will support their transition to secondary school.

Thank you to those of you who have signed up already. 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 [Summer School 2021 \(google.com\)](#) by Friday 25th June. Once we have received all the requests for places we will contact those families to confirm a place and to provide further information on our Summer School programme.

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. In the meantime, 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@whs.lancs.sch.uk

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

Yours sincerely,

J Lewis

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