

Wellfield High School

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Dear Parent/ Guardian

Induction to Wellfield High School – Year 7 September 2021

Transition Day- Thursday 17th June

As the government has this week announced a packed of enhanced response in Lancashire to tackle the Delta variant and an announcement regarding the further lifting of restrictions from 21st June is due soon, we will continue to closely monitor all advice and guidance and how this impacts upon our normal transition programme.

After discussions with primary colleagues, other local Secondary Leaders and in view of the current national and local COVID guidance, we have taken the unfortunate decision to cancel our planned transition day on Thursday 17th June. On this day, which we refer to as a Pastoral Day, we had planned for your child to meet with their new House Progress Leader and to get to know other members of their house in school. Sadly, we know the transmission rates are currently very high and, although we are desperately keen for your child to come in to Wellfield, we must consider that the day means we will be bringing young people together from over 20 different primary schools. In the event of a positive case following the transition day, the vast amount of close contacts from a wide range of schools will then increase the transmission rates and have implications for primary schools and families based on the track and trace process.

Curriculum Day- Friday 2nd July

You will be aware that we go above and beyond with regards to our transition programme by completing a second transition day (which we refer to as a Curriculum Day) at Wellfield, due to take place on Friday 2nd July. At this stage, we are still planning going ahead with this day when we will replace Curriculum Day with all of the proposed activities and sessions that were planned for the Pastoral Day. Should we feel the need to cancel or postpone this day until a later date, we will, of course, write to you. However, we remain hopeful of this going ahead.

To support your son/daughter's transition, something we highly value, we are adapting our normal plans for September to ensure that the induction is at the forefront of the first few days at Wellfield. In place of our Curriculum Day, we will be putting together a pack of activities that we will be asking your son/daughter to complete and return to us. The details on how to return the completed work will be provided in the pack.

We also intend to continue to liaise with our feeder primary schools to explore opportunities for some more of our staff to visit and meet the children and answer any questions they may have following on from the visits that have already happened by Pastoral Managers and House Progress Leaders.

For any students who are particularly anxious about starting school, particularly those with additional needs, we will be working with our feeder primary schools to invite a small number of children into Wellfield at specific times. Likewise, if any parents feel your child requires an additional visit or a socially distanced tour around the school, we would be happy to facilitate, although you may feel this is not necessary due to this year's Summer School.

Summer School

As part of the transition process, our Summer School will be running over the course of the week 16th – 20th August. It will contain a mixture of curriculum 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 from other primary schools and allow our staff to gain an insight into our newest cohort. All Year 6 students who will start at Wellfield in September are eligible to attend and we would encourage them to do so. Although we understand some children may be unable to, this will be an exciting and enjoyable week and one that will support their transition to secondary school.

To reserve a place at our summer school we ask parents to complete a short online form here ([Summer School 2021 \(google.com\)](#)) by 25th June. Once we have received all the requests for places we will contact those families with further information on our Summer School programme and arrangement.

Welcome Evening

Our Welcome Evening which was originally scheduled for Thursday 17th June and, based on the potential lifting of restrictions on 21st, we changed the date to Thursday 24th June to allow us to all come together within the school. Unfortunately, this evening is currently looking unlikely to go ahead as a face to face event and, although we have not yet made a final decision, we are exploring the potential for an online webinar where we would replicate the planned evening as much as possible. We will write to you next week with further details on this.

Please rest assured that we will endeavour to make the transition process as smooth as possible for your son/daughter despite the ongoing challenges we face. If you have any further questions about the arrangements outlined in this letter or the information that we need, please contact school via email transition@whs.lancs.sch.uk

We are really looking forward to meeting your child in June first of all and welcoming them for their formal start here at Wellfield on Monday 6th September 2021.

Yours sincerely,

J Lewis

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