

26th April 2021

Welcome to Werneth School!

Dear Parents / Carers,

I would like to welcome you as a prospective new parent/carer and child to Werneth School. According to information that we received from the local authority, you are indicated as a potential new entrant to our Year 7 team in September 2021. We welcome you to our school, and we look forward to meeting you in person, hopefully in the not too distant future. At the moment, we are expecting around 200 young people to join Year 7 and this number may rise further in the future.

It seems strange to be conducting our welcome in this way, but obviously we remain in the midst of a challenging Covid-19 situation, and it remains difficult for us to manage transition procedures at this stage. With that in mind, I wanted to contact you and provide you with some initial information for you as a starting point. Last year's Year 7 children have settled extremely well despite the fact that they actually received very little support in terms of transition because of the lockdown in place. We are very confident that our new children for September will receive a much better deal, with us able to visit them in primary school and an opportunity for them to visit us.

- We have been discussing transition with our feeder primary schools, and we are intending to conduct a number of visits to children in our primary schools over the course of the summer term. These will be conducted by some of our leaders in school, including myself. We hope we will meet every child in person between now and the summer.
- We are intending at this stage to offer a Year 6 into Year 7 transition day, so your child can spend a day at Werneth School. This has been coordinated across all Stockport schools and will take place on **Thursday 1st July**. We will provide more information about this nearer to the time, but it will be a full day in school.
- Normally, this day would be followed by an opportunity for parents to come into school on the same evening. Unfortunately, it has been agreed that - at this stage - secondary schools cannot offer this as it introduces too much risk to school, as well as making the cleaning process required each day in school impossible on that day. So at the moment, we are not intending to offer this. However, we have started to plan how we can give you this information in a different way ... we will provide you with parents' documentation, and we are hoping we can also hold a zoom meeting with your child's new form tutor.

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- At Werneth, each year group contains 3 key leaders. The Year 7 team remains in place each year, to build strong relationships with our feeder primary schools. With this in mind, I would like to confirm that the teacher who will be leading Year 7 in September as Year Achievement Leader will be Mrs Jen Tonge. Mrs Tonge is an experienced member of our team at Werneth, and is Head of our current Year 7. You may have already met her in her role as dance and drama teacher, as she has invited you to one of our famous school productions. She will also be sending you a welcome pack, full of information. Mrs Tonge will be joined by our pastoral Year Inclusion Manager Mrs Tracy Taylor, who is extremely experienced as well. Finally, Mrs Jo Dee is Assistant Headteacher and Safeguarding Lead at Werneth. She will also have oversight for Year 7. There will then be a team of Year 7 form tutors and you will find out about them soon.
- Finally, we are hoping to offer a week's transition summer school for our Year 6 into 7 students. It will be a 5 day programme in mid August, incorporating lessons and fun learning. You will get the chance to meet some of your teachers, and get to know some of your new friends from different schools. If you are interested in your child being registered for this - the week will be completely free of charge - just let us know via the transition email.

With effect from receipt of this letter, you can now contact us directly via an email address that we have set up: transition@wernethschool.com. If you need to let us know about anything, or ask any questions this is the best way of doing so. At the moment, we may not have all of the answers, but we are working on that and we will be providing a regular update for parents and young people. Mrs Tonge will be leading the answers on that.

There is a wealth of information for parents on our school website www.wernethschool.com that you may wish to have a look through as well. This includes term dates for next year, and you can follow my weekly parental update for current parents and students on there too.

We will be in touch again soon, and we are looking forward to meeting you all.
With best wishes,



Mr A Conroy
Headteacher