

23rd June 2021

Dear Parents/Carers and new Seahaven Academy Students

Transition days July 2021

As you know, we are unfortunately not able to have our full transition week in July as we had planned due to the delay in the lifting of lockdown restrictions recently announced by the government. The guidance to schools is that traditional transition days are not likely to be possible, but we have considered a range of options and are delighted to be able to provide the following transition activities:

- Each school will be allocated a single day in the week of 5th- 9th July for a full transition day on site at Seahaven Academy. Days for each school to be confirmed.
- Students will need to come in their usual school uniform with their usual equipment but will not need a PE kit.
- The day will follow our usual timings from 8.00-2.20pm. Students should enter through the Southdown Road gate.
- Students will have a range of specially planned lessons, assemblies and presentations and take part
 in other school routines on the day they visit. They will meet as many staff as possible, but we will
 be keeping year 6 students to a limited part of the school to avoid mixing with other Seahaven year
 groups/primary school bubbles.
- Packed lunches will be provided for any student who would like one.
- Students must remember to bring a water bottle, especially if the weather is hot!
- All students will receive the usual 'goodie bag' and information needed for September at the end of the day.

Testing

Before coming into the year 6 area on Transition Day, we will ask students to take a lateral flow test when they arrive to add an additional layer of security for all our school communities. We have had regular testing in school since January, and students have become used to this very quickly. As testing is likely to become a common feature of everyday life including in schools as it is now, the transition day will be a good opportunity for our staff to help our new students learn how to do this.

Additional opportunities to meet with school staff

The Learning Support team will be arranging online meetings for all families with SEND students. Online meetings will also be available for any families who would like to speak to a pastoral leader or member of SLT before the September start.

Additional visits

Any student who is unable to come in on the allocated transition day will be welcome to make an appointment for an after-school visit.



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Summer break activities

We still hoping to arrange some additional sports/activity sessions at Seahaven Academy at the end of the summer break (week beginning 23rd August) to enable mixing with students from other schools in a more informal setting if restrictions allow. More information to follow.

We are really looking forward to seeing the year 6 students and know how important it is to them to be able to visit us before the holidays. We hope that the proposed arrangements will be a good compromise this year given that we are unable to accommodate the whole year group for 5 days. We hope that the transition day will enable students to start their summer break feeling comfortable and excited about coming to join us as part of the Seahaven community in September.

Please complete the Forms link below containing a number of additional questions needed for our transition activities: https://forms.office.com/r/YsKNOY9Thc

Yours sincerely

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