



Kingsmead School



A PARTNER ACADEMY IN JOHN TAYLOR MAT

Head of School: Mrs M Mincher, Bsc, NPQH

RESILIENT  INNOVATIVE  MINDFUL  EMPLOYABLE 

Dear Parents/Carers,

It is so very strange to be writing to you about Transition in these unprecedented times and how the Transition journey to Kingsmead is going to have to adapt and look different this year. Typically, I would have already started going into primary schools, meeting lots of excited and curious Year 6s and having in depth discussions with their teachers.

Transition to High school is such an important and momentous journey and we value this and always try to offer a comprehensive transition package that sets the highest expectations for our students, embeds our RIME Values and gives them a friendly, warm, engaging welcome to the Kingsmead family.

Now, it's fair to say that this year's Transition journey is going to be different to any other, with COVID-19, social distancing and school closures. Whilst it is still uncertain when schools will re-open and what, if any, Kingsmead Transition events can go ahead as planned, what is certain is that we still want to offer the best, most meaningful Transition that we can in these circumstances. To this end, please see below for the working plan for Transition 2020:

WHAT HAS HAPPENED SO FAR:

- Welcome Packs posted home to families
- Primary Schools have received Transfer forms for the children coming to Kingsmead
- Year 6 staff have started to send back these completed Transfer Forms to Kingsmead
- 'Year 6 Transition 2020' Parent facebook group created.
- Action plan discussed with Kingsmead staff and created to be able to remotely support Year 6 students during Transition.

THE ACTION PLAN:

The working plan is to collate all transfer forms with information on our new year 7s that Year 6 teachers are currently filling out and, where possible, I will hold discussions via phone with year 6 staff. This information will be used by myself to create bespoke tutor groups for September.

In addition, the teacher assessment data that Year 6 teachers give to us will play a large part in helping us structure the makeup of our class groupings for September. We will baseline the students when they join us in September.

We completely appreciate how distressing this must be for Year 6 students, possibly not going back to their primary school, saying a temporary goodbye to friends and all the preparation they have done for their



Kingsmead School



A PARTNER ACADEMY IN JOHN TAYLOR MAT

Head of School: Mrs M Mincher, Bsc, NPQH



SATS which will now not happen. As a result, we are aiming to put together is a 'Remote Transition Package' for Year 6 students that will help support the students to be the best that they can be. Our aims will be:

- Set the highest Expectations for all of our students by preparing for the challenge and rigour of Kingsmead
- To increase awareness and develop the core Kingsmead RIME Values
- To give a friendly and warm welcome to Kingsmead School
- To promote positive mental wellbeing in these unique times
- To support students with typical 'worries' about starting secondary school

The following action points are what we aim to deliver to all Year 6s during Transition:

1. Adapted 'Transition week' workshops that develop the RIME values of Resilience, employability, mindfulness and innovation, including workshops exploring building friendships, self esteem and communication.
2. To provide engaging and challenging Transition Learning Projects in English, Maths, Science and Languages. These activities will be designed to keep the brain active but to also prepare students for Year 7 learning.
3. A reading list of engaging books to keep the imagination rolling during the summer term and to help prepare students for Year 7 learning.
4. A menu of culturally enriching activities to build understanding of the world around us (even activities that can be observed /completed at home due to social distancing).
5. A package of Wellbeing activities to help promote positive mental health and relaxation
6. Please email Mr Truby (email address below) any questions that you may have about Transition and Kingsmead; we will be holding a special 'Q and A' Video stream session on Facebook soon, responding to any questions, worries or curiosities students or parents might have!

All of the above will be available as documents via the following ways:

KING'S AVENUE • HEDNESFORD • STAFFORDSHIRE • WS12 1DH

(t) 01543 227320 • (e) office@kingsmeadschool.net • (w) www.kingsmeadschool.net • Company Number: 07421140



Kingsmead School



A PARTNER ACADEMY IN JOHN TAYLOR MAT

Head of School: Mrs M Mincher, Bsc, NPQH



- Downloadable from the Kingsmead Website – under Admissions>>Transition to Secondary School <https://kingsmeadschool.net/admissions-2/transition-to-secondary-school>
- Downloadable on the Year 6 Kingsmead Parents Facebook group
- They will be emailed to all Year 6 parents, using the contact details we have been provided with
- If possible, documents will be posted to Year 6 Parents

We expect the Remote Transition Package to be available for Year 6 after the Easter Holidays. More information will follow with exact dates and timings.

You will be able to email your child's work for us to showcase on our website/facebook page, to celebrate what the students are doing. The email address for this will be communicated at the same time the work is sent out.

THE NEAR FUTURE:

When we are back at school, there **will be** an Induction Evening for students and parents where you will be able to meet your child's Progress Tutor in addition to meeting our Head of School Mrs Mincher, Mr Truby (Senior Leader KS3) and other key staff. At the moment, the date on the school calendar is Tuesday 7th July 2020. As and when this changes and further information on this event will follow in due course.

Year 7 Induction week is scheduled for the first week back in September, promoting the RIME Values of Kingsmead through a series of interactive workshops and sessions that will prepare students for their education at Kingsmead such as Health and Safety Science, Introduction to Show my Homework etc. There will also be competitions and challenges embedded throughout the week for students to take part in – there will be prizes!

WHAT WE NEED FROM YOU:

- Please fill out your data collection sheets in your pack and post them to Kingsmead where possible (or feel free to scan/email them to myself if you are unable to post) if you haven't already. This is so we have all the relevant information on your child so we can input it onto our school systems ready for September
- There are a small number of parents whom we haven't got an email address for (provided by the Local Authority based on information you gave when applying for Kingsmead). If you think this might be you, please get in touch via the email address below. We will be using these email addresses to send out the Transition Project
- Ask your child if they have any questions about moving to Kingsmead – what might they be worried about? What are they curious about? What would they like to know? These questions will help



Kingsmead School



A PARTNER ACADEMY IN JOHN TAYLOR MAT

Head of School: Mrs M Mincher, Bsc, NPQH

RESILIENT  INNOVATIVE  MINDFUL  EMPLOYABLE 

form the Q and A session that we will conduct. Please email any questions to t.truby@kingsmeadschool.net

Whilst this may not be the Transition process we fully intended to deliver this year, we will do our utmost to make it as engaging and successful as possible for our young people.

In addition, please join our 'Year 6 Transition 2020' parent group on facebook (you will find this in 'groups' under the Kingsmead Facebook page). This is a great way for school to share information with you all and for parents to ask questions and to share ideas and support each other.

If you have any questions regarding transition, Kingsmead or any other query, please get in touch at t.truby@kingsmeadschool.net

Please take care everybody and look after yourselves and your family. Let's do this together.

Yours Sincerely,

Mr Truby
Senior Leader KS3