

Friday 28 May 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

We continue to make plans for the transition events we set out in our last letter to you on Monday 17 May. Having said that, we are keeping a very close eye on the COVID context nationally and we have sought further clarification from the Department of Education about the guidance for schools on operating transition programmes, which was updated in May.

We are aware of a number of schools locally that have moved or cancelled their transition arrangements. Whilst we remain hopeful that we can operate as planned we are preparing an alternative just in case.

I hope that our last communication to you demonstrates the importance we place on transition. Our commitment to an eight-day transition programme is ambitious because we feel its impact could be significant. We remain optimistic, but I am sure you will appreciate that it will not be entirely our decision whether to proceed as planned or not. A number of factors outside our control will influence the final outcome. Nonetheless, whatever the outcome, we will ensure we put in place a robust transition plan for all our students joining us in September.

We will not be sending any further information about the nature of transition week or the evening for families until we have confirmed that the events can operate safely and in line with guidance for schools set out by the Department for Education. We will write to you again in the second week back after half term when we will know more.

Uniform

We know many of you have already begun purchasing uniform. We would encourage families not to wait until the parents' evening just in case we cannot proceed with that event due to COVID and restrictions on schools. Having said that, we have been given assurances by our uniform provider, Karlsports, that there is only a two-week turnaround for uniform to be delivered from the point of ordering.

Data Collection Forms

Just a polite reminder that the deadline for returning the data collection form was Wednesday 25 May. This deadline has now been extended until Monday 07 June. Please use the following link - [Enrolment booklet for 2021-2022 Intake](#) - to access the form.

Meeting students in school

We have been in touch with all Headteachers and Principals of the schools we are receiving students from, requesting the opportunity to come in next half term and meet the students coming to Manor School in September.

Obviously, it goes without saying that it very much depends on the risk assessment in place for each school and the context they are currently facing whether we can visit or not. We continue to be in touch remotely so that we can learn as much as we can about the young people joining us so that we are ready to receive them and meet their needs in September.

If you require any support or have any questions please contact us via the [Enquiry Form](#). In the meantime, enjoy the bank holiday and half term break.

Yours sincerely



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