



St. John's Church of England Middle School

Year 7 Transition Days Thursday 4th and Friday 5th September 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you and your families have all had a restful summer and have managed to enjoy the ever changing weather. As Head of Year I would like to welcome you to Year 7 and help to put your minds at rest in regards to the transition of your child into key stage 3. Obviously for me as your Child's Head of Year for this academic year, my job is made easier by the fact that I am familiar with both yourselves and your children having been their Head of Year in Year 6. I know the Year 7 staff are really looking forward to welcoming the pupils back into school and have been planning lots of activities to help your child settle confidently back into school life. Having seen most pupils return to school in June, I feel that many of our pupils will have an advantage over others that have not yet returned to school since March. Therefore this will be an opportunity for them to support and guide any new pupils coming into their form or who are returning to school for the first time in a considerable amount of time who may well be feeling overwhelmed and nervous about what to expect.

On their return to school on Thursday 4th and Friday 5th September the pupils will be having two transition days in order to ensure they are both ready and confident in both their return to school and their transition into Key stage Three. During these days the pupils will be met each day on the playground by their class teacher, where they will be lined up and taken into their new classrooms. Both days will be based in their classrooms where the following activities will take place:

- Introductions from their new teacher and 'getting to know you activities'.
- Familiarisation with new routines across the school day.
- Receiving new books, planners and timetables.
- An opportunity to meet all the year 7 staff members.
- An assembly with their Head of Year.

During these two days staff will also be there to reassure pupils and answer any questions they may have in regards to their return to school.

In the following weeks and through the rest of the term we will also be incorporating our 'Recovery curriculum' into the timetable and time will be regularly allocated for discussions and activities designed to support pupils health and well-being.

You should have recently received a handbook with information about procedures and provision regarding the reopening of school which I'm sure will further help with any concerns you may have. However if you need any further support please use Epraise

messenger in order to reach your child's teacher in the first instance, all staff access this regularly and it is an essential tool in maintaining remote contact between home and school.

Although these are particularly challenging times, please feel rest assured that I and the Year 7 team will provide whatever support we can for our Year 7 pupils to help them settle back into school life and continue to strive as they move on in their educational journey.

Mrs C Hirons – Head of Year 7