



# St. John's Church of England Middle School

## Year 8 Transition Days Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> and Friday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you and your families have all had a restful summer and have managed to enjoy some quality time together despite these unusual circumstances. As Head of Year I would like to welcome you to Year 8 and help to reassure you regarding your child's return to school. The Year 8 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. This year more than ever the relationship between your child, yourselves and your child's form tutor is of paramount importance, therefore they will be your first port of call for any concerns or issues that may arise. 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.

On Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> and Friday 5<sup>th</sup> September the pupils will be having two transition days in order to ensure they feel confident and safe upon their return to school. 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 assembly with their Head of Year.

During these two days staff will also be aiming to reassure pupils and answer any questions they may have about their return to us.

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 please feel free to contact your child's form tutor if there is anything further you need to know.

Although these are particularly challenging times, please rest assured that I and the Year 8 team will provide whatever support we can for our Year 8 pupils to help them settle back into school life and continue to strive as they move on in their educational journey.

**Ms R Bourne – Head of Year 8**