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Students Transferring to Horbury Academy in September 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are delighted that your child has been offered a place in year 7 at Horbury Academy for September 2020 and would like to take this opportunity to welcome both you and your child to our school community.

As a school, we are committed to a smooth and timely transition that allows each child to settle in, get to know their new school and make new friends. We believe parents and carers play a key role in this transition so you too can feel reassured that your children are safe and happy. Ordinarily, we would be writing to inform you of planned events and meetings that would aid this transition. However, due to the current situation this is not possible. As we don't know how long school closures will last, it is difficult for us to publish details of our usual transition programme. We are aware the government plans to make an announcement on Sunday 10th May and we will be able to communicate further once we are able to make safe plans following any new guidance issued. Please be reassured we are thinking of ways we can prepare your child and give them the best possible start to school.

We fully understand how worried you might be about your child's transition, but the most important thing at the moment is that you and your child are safe, well and happy. We will be talking to our pyramid primary schools, as we always do, to find out where your child is in their learning which will help us in ensuring as smooth a transition as possible for all pupils currently in year 6 who are transferring to Horbury Academy in September 2020.

Starting a new school is a milestone for both you and your child. It is a time to be celebrated. Whilst we understand that current measures make this more difficult, we will do everything we can to ensure it stays that way and is a positive experience for everyone. We will be in touch over the summer term to inform you of our plans, but we also have to be prepared for plans to change should new guidance from the government be released.

We also recognise that not all children may be comfortable in discussing transition to Horbury Academy at this time, however should you and your child wish to know a little more about the opportunities at the academy for year 7 students, please visit our website, Facebook page and twitter feeds.

<https://horbury.accordmat.org/year-6-transition/>

We have also included a *Transition Frequently Asked Questions* (FAQs) document along with this letter which we help you and your child will find useful and informative.

BBC Bitesize have also produced a range of video clips to support year students in making the transition to secondary school.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/ziqck2p>

If you have any questions at this stage, please contact enquiries@horbury.accordmat.org.

Yours sincerely,

Mr. S Care

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