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Dear Parent/Carer,

Principal: Mrs N Walker

It is with regret that I am writing to inform you that we are no longer able to go ahead with our year 6 Transition visits to Horbury Academy as we had originally planned on 30th June and 7th July 2021.

As I am sure you are aware, there is an increase in the rate of coronavirus cases in the local community especially amongst younger people. As such the academy has also experienced a rise in cases in recent weeks.

As with any positive case, increased pressure is placed upon academy colleagues to undertake a track and trace process and support pupils to leave our site safely. With this in mind, we do not feel it is appropriate to invite more pupils onto academy site at this point. I understand how disappointing this may be to our pupils in Year 6, who we were looking forward to attending the academy, in person, for the first time. Please rest assured, this decision has not been taken lightly but has been made in the best interests of all pupils and staff at both Horbury Academy and our feeder primary schools.

Given our transition day will not go ahead as planned this year, we will ensure that our process of induction into the Academy in September is robust and provides our new academy members an opportunity to fully establish themselves as part of our Academy community. We recognise that this has not been possible as we would have hoped this term and we will ensure our young people in Year 6 do not miss out!

Please be advised our Summer School will go ahead as planned the week commencing the 9th August and there are still places available for pupils should they wish to attend. If you do wish to send your child to our Summer school please follow this link [Summer School](#) or visit the website <https://horbury.accordmat.org/year-6-transition/>.

Our Live event for parents will still go ahead on Wednesday 30th June, and I look forward to meeting parents 'virtually' once again, to answer any questions or queries you may have [Year 6 Welcome Evening](#).

For all other transition support please visit our website on the following link <https://horbury.accordmat.org/year-6-transition/> on this website you will find key information as well as 'Talking Heads' videos of key members of Academy staff.

Thank you in anticipation of your support at this very difficult time. I look forward to welcoming both you and your children into the Academy in the Autumn term.

Yours sincerely

Mrs N Walker
Principal

