

28 June 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

I hope that you and your family are well.

Further to my previous correspondence, we have continued to work extremely closely with your child's primary school, in order to ensure that transition is as seamless as possible. We are passionate at Oakmoor School about making the transition process very successful.

I am pleased to say that I have now met with Year 6 teachers. Our SENDCo, Mrs Forbes, has also been liaising closely with the primary school SENDCos in order to be able to fully support your child in their transition to us.

It is hugely important to us to establish strong and positive working relationships with you and your child as quickly as possible. This year's circumstances have perhaps made this a little more challenging than usual, however we are determined to not let the current situation affect the secure and productive relationships that we are so very proud of.

Our staff have therefore been very busy putting together our Virtual New Intake Evening which will be available for you to access by Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> July 2021. You will be able to find this in the transition section of our website. There will be a presentation so that you, as parents and carers and your child, can familiarise yourself with senior and pastoral staff, our ethos and our expectations. You will be able to watch a welcome from the Headteacher Mr Hemmings, and hear from the Deputy Headteacher Mrs Moral, and Assistant Headteachers Mr Beere and Mrs Conley-Harper. In addition, there will also be a welcome presentation from each of the Academic and Pastoral Leaders. **Please view the presentation for the House that your child will join, this information can be found on the label on the front of your welcome pack.** Please take the time to view these presentations with your child, so that our key routines and high expectations are clear and fully understood by you and your child.

There is also a virtual tour available of our fantastic school site and the outstanding facilities that Oakmoor School has to offer. I am sure that this video will help aid transition and familiarity with our site, prior to arrival on day one as an Oakmoor School student. Of course, the presentations and the tour can be watched as often as is needed over the summer to help your child become as familiar as possible with our wonderful school!

We have also placed a link to a subject departments Sway document on the transition page of the website, which includes an introduction from each of our departments and various tasks that your child can complete before they join us in September. We hope this will enable them to get a feel for each department in advance. We hope your child enjoys viewing this document and meeting some of their teachers ahead of September.

Finally, we have also prepared a brief questionnaire for your child to complete. This will enable us to get to know your child prior to them officially becoming an Oakmoor student. The questionnaire invites your child to tell us which subjects they like, any sports and/or

instruments they play and any hobbies/interests they may have. The questionnaire will also provide an opportunity for your child to let us know of any worries they may have. We understand that prior to starting secondary school, some children may be anxious, which is very natural indeed. We like to know about any worries, so that we can address them swiftly in order to sensitively and effectively support your child in their transition. The information in the questionnaire will be shared with your child's mentor and their Academic and Pastoral Leader. Please type the link to the questionnaire below into a browser to complete it. I have also placed this link on the transition page of our website for ease of completion. Please aim for your child to have completed the questionnaire by Monday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2021, as this information will be of great use to us in September.

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/LPYPGPJ>

We do hope that you enjoy reading the information pack we have sent you and attending our Virtual New Intake Evening. I hope that your child is very much looking forward to becoming part of our Oakmoor School family in the not too distant future, as much as we are looking forward to welcoming them.

I will write to you again later in the term with information regarding the first day of term at Oakmoor School in September. The first day of term will be Tuesday 7 September 2021. In the meantime, please do not hesitate to speak to your primary schools or to contact me if you have any further questions.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S Moral', written in a cursive style.

Mrs S Moral  
Deputy Headteacher