

Monday 4th May, 2020.



# Penketh High School

Dear Parents, carers and pupils,

I write to you at what is an exceptionally difficult time for everyone. I have no doubt that the current period of national crisis and the uncertainty around when life will return to some degree of normality is only adding to any anxieties you may have around transition to secondary school.

I want to reassure you that your successful transition to secondary school remains one of our key priorities. At this moment it seems unlikely that we'll be able to conduct our usual transition events during the summer term. We are preparing for a number of scenarios so that if there is an opportunity for us to conduct transition events at school we will be able to do so as a result of careful planning. We are, however, currently preparing alternative arrangements so that we can conduct a remote transition event following what would normally be the Half-Term in June.

We recognise that you will want the chance to ask any questions you have and get some clarity on certain aspects ahead of September. We therefore want to ensure that we provide you with the opportunity to interact with us even if this is on a remote basis.

To support learning during the period of lockdown and school closures we are using a platform that allows us to deliver interactive lessons to pupils so that they can undertake lessons following their normal school timetable as they would in school, though completing this work at home. This platform would also allow us to host an interactive event with parents so that we could provide you with information and also give you the chance to ask questions. In preparation for us having to conduct a transition event remotely; if you're happy to receive information about the event, we'd appreciate you sending us an email to [transitionevent@penkethhigh.org](mailto:transitionevent@penkethhigh.org) so that we can collate email addresses and send you further information as to how to access the event. If you could state the name of the pupil that would be helpful for us to coordinate information.

It must be exceptionally frustrating for pupils to be denied the opportunity to undertake their SATS after working so hard to prepare for these assessments and I'm sure that there are some anxieties about Key Stage 2 results and how these are to be awarded. Our primary colleagues are working exceptionally hard to ensure pupils get the outcomes that they deserve. We are already planning to ensure that when pupils arrive at Penketh in September we do all we can to identify what we can do to support each individual pupil to make further progress and be successful.

Can I take this opportunity to thank those parents who have been in touch to congratulate us on our Ofsted judgement. It's been rewarding to receive these, but rest assured that this milestone for the school only serves to drive us on to make further improvements on behalf of our outstanding young people.



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We're very much looking forward to welcoming Year 6 pupils to our school community and will do everything we can to navigate difficult circumstances to provide them with the best transition programme possible.

I'd like to wish you all the very best and hope that you and your families remain in good health.

Yours sincerely,

Mr J Carlin  
Principal.



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