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Dear Parent/Carer,

RE: Year 6/7 Transition for Non-Feeder Primary children

Student Name:

Year 7 Form Group:

I hope this letter finds you and your family well.

Our transition arrangements have had to be modified quite considerably this half term due to the pandemic but please be assured that a lot of planning has been taking place behind the scenes for our new students starting in September. This year our transition plans will consist of the following:

Virtual Programme for use in the Y6 classroom or at home

Please visit the school website <https://www.meadowhead.sheffield.sch.uk/> where you will find the Y6/7 Transition 2020 button. On this area of the website you will see a range of activities for children to complete either at home or in school, a tour of the school and information about starting Year 7. We encourage parents and Y6s to explore the wide range of information currently in this area and regularly check for further updates.

Planned visits to Meadowhead for Year 6 students

We have had approval from Public Health Sheffield to host welcome meetings for our non-feeder primary Y6s in school. We currently have over 60 children coming from 25 non feeder primaries and as numbers are small from each school, the schools will not have the staffing to accompany children. With this in mind, we are asking **one parent/carer only to accompany their child** to this meeting. The welcome meeting will enable children to meet with key staff and take part in a question and answer session. All arrangements have been planned with 2 metre social distancing and with enhanced hygiene measures in place. There are four different dates at 4:00pm available for you to book a place for you and your child. Please use this link to book a place - <http://mhsch.uk/booking>

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Summer school for ALL Year 6 students

Also, following approval from Public Health Sheffield I'm really pleased that we are able to have all Y6s at Meadowhead to spend a whole day with us during the **week beginning 20th July 2020**. Three form groups will be able to attend on a set day to take part in a range of activities with teachers and support staff. Most importantly children will be able to meet others in their form group to start making new friendships. The planned schedule for the week is below and further details will be provided in the coming weeks and at the welcome meetings.

Form Groups	Allocated Summer School Day	Time
7A,B,C	Monday 20 th July	9:00am until 2:30pm
7D,E,F	Tuesday 21 st July	9:00am until 2:30pm
7G,H,I	Wednesday 22 nd July	9:00am until 2:30pm
7J,K,L	Thursday 23 rd July	9:00am until 2:30pm

You will see at the top of this letter your child's form group which determines the day we are able to have your child in school.

Please confirm your child is able to attend on the assigned day by logging in to the following site and booking a place - <http://mhsch.uk/booking>

Year 6 Parents' Virtual Meeting – Monday 13th July

Ordinarily, we would have held an evening meeting for all Y6 parents on Monday 13th July in school. This has now been replaced with a virtual meeting which will be broadcast live at 5:00pm using Microsoft Teams. To access the meeting please use <http://mhsch.uk/y6meeting>. During this meeting you will have the opportunity to ask questions from the staff who are presenting.

School Ready Survey

With the severe disruption in all schools over the last few months, it is quite normal that your child will be feeling anxious about starting Year 7 in September. It has been a very unsettling time for us all, but rest assured that we're going to be doing everything we can to make sure we're ready to receive your child in September. We are keen to get to know our new starters through the activities outlined above and by gathering as much information on each child as soon as possible. Although Year 6 teachers have been liaising with key staff we would appreciate you spending a few minutes to complete our school ready survey to further support our planning for September. The link to complete the survey is <http://mhsch.uk/y6survey>

We ask parents and children to be honest with their answers so that so that we have an accurate picture of our students' learning experiences and well-being during the lockdown to support our future planning. If we have a true picture of children's starting points we can start to design our recovery curriculum for Year 7.

Finally, all events and activities have been planned using Public Health social distancing and hygiene guidelines. **It is important that if your child is displaying any symptoms of COVID-19 or is having to self-isolate, they should not attend any event in school.** Health and safety is the number one priority for our school community and measures have been put in



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place to minimise risk of infection for all and full cooperation is needed. The risk assessment document is available in the Y6/7 transition section of our school website.

Steps to be taken by Parents

1. Visit Meadowhead School website ASAP - <https://www.meadowhead.sheffield.sch.uk/>
2. Book a place for you and your child for the welcome meeting at Meadowhead ASAP.
3. Confirm your child is able to attend the Summer School on the allocated day by **Friday 10th July**.
4. Complete School Ready Survey by **Friday 10th July**.
5. Join the virtual Parents' evening on **Monday 13th July** at 5:00pm.

If you have any questions or difficulties, please contact the school by phone to speak to a member of the Y6 Transition Team (Helen Weeks, Assistant Headteacher, Angie Evans, Head of Year 7 or Beth Jones Admin support) or using the email address transition@meadowhead.sheffield.sch.uk

We look forward to meeting our Y6s in school and our parents' joining us virtually later this term.

Yours sincerely

Mrs K Grewal-Joy
Headteacher