

Fulford School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

At Fulford School we fully understand the importance of transition to secondary school and the excitement and apprehension that parents, carers and pupils may experience around this. We are delighted to welcome you and your child to Fulford School, we are a values driven school and determined to live out our core purpose of realising potential and creating the future. We are excited about working with you as a family to enable your child to flourish and make the best possible start to their secondary school journey at Fulford School.

Pastoral care is integral to the success of Fulford School; Miss Fay Chapman is delighted to be Head of Year 7. She will work with a team of dedicated year 7 tutors and support staff to make sure that your child is cared for and supported throughout their time at Fulford School.

In previous years, during the summer term, members of staff from Fulford have visited each of the primary schools to meet Year 6 teachers and pupils. While this is not possible this year, virtual meetings will be taking place between your child's primary school teacher and teachers at Fulford over next few weeks. This gives the opportunity for the sharing of all relevant information.

We are planning to invite Year 6 pupils to Fulford School for a transition day where they will get the chance to experience a typical day at Fulford and meet their classmates and teachers. The date and final details for the Year 6 to Year 7 transition day is still to be confirmed but is likely to take place during the final weeks of the summer term, this date will be confirmed ASAP. We will also be holding a parents information evening where parents will have the opportunity to hear important information about Fulford School and meet key staff.

Please find enclosed with this letter two important documents which are the starting point for our information gathering and the start of building a successful partnership with yourselves as parents and carers. The first form is a Parent Information Booklet which contains a Part A and Part B. Part B is to be completed by parents and carers and returned to school. This form is designed to gather key information about your child. Also enclosed is a Student Information form, which is to be completed by your child and returned to school. This information from your son or daughter will allow Miss Chapman and the Year 7 team, to get to know pupils before they arrive and begin building a caring and nurturing environment within their tutor group. Please be aware that we will use the 'choose five people from your current school who you feel you work well with' question to help identify other children which your child would like to be in a tutor group with. The responses to this question are only ever used as an indication and other factors, including the information we receive from primary schools will also be considered.

We would appreciate return of the Student Information Form and, if possible, the Part B document by Friday 14 May.

Please be assured that we are working extremely hard to create a smooth and enabling transition to Fulford School for your child. If you have any particular concerns or questions then please do contact us via email at <u>year6transition@fulford.york.sch.uk</u>

We very much look forward to working with you.

Yours sincerely,

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Paul Walker Assistant Headteacher Fay Chapman Head of Year 7



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