



# HIGHDOWN SCHOOL AND SIXTH FORM CENTRE

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Dear Parent/Carer,

## **Secondary Transfer September 2020**

I am delighted that you have chosen Highdown School and Sixth Form Centre and look forward to welcoming your child to the school. As I am sure you are aware we are heavily oversubscribed again this year, with almost all our intake from primary schools in Caversham, and have a lengthy waiting list. Should you no longer require a place at Highdown School and Sixth Form Centre for your child, please let the Local Authority know as a matter of urgency, so they can give the place to someone on the waiting list.

The events that normally take place between now and September have obviously been postponed due the Covid-19 situation however:

- We will receive copies of your child's national curriculum results and end of year report from the primary school. This will help staff prepare suitable work for your child.
- All details and files regarding your child will be transferred by the primary schools so we are prepared with up to date information.
- If your child has an EHCP, or it is felt he/she will find the transfer from primary to secondary difficult, then we will have sought all relevant information on your child from the primary school and will do everything we can to ease their transition into the school
- Students/parents do not need to indicate language preferences for year 7 at this point. More information regarding languages within the year 7 curriculum will follow soon.
- We strive to keep parents up to date with information using the school website [www.highdown.reading.sch.uk](http://www.highdown.reading.sch.uk). Please check the 'Latest News' picture on the Home page first for any information.

## **Transition Day and Welcome Evening**

It is not known yet if these will still take place on Thursday 25th June and Wednesday 2nd July 2020 respectively. If they do then further details will be sent out as soon as we have confirmation.

## **Highdown Welcome Pack**

This a pack and brochure issued to all new starters and will be given to you as soon as we are able to do so. This pack will be full of everything you and your child need to know about starting school and should hopefully answer all the questions you may have.

## Highdown Admission Form

Please complete the attached form as soon as possible so we can register your child's details. We also attach a form for you to complete with your child about themselves: likes and dislikes, and any expectations they have about starting secondary school. This will help our Head of Year 7 get to know students a little in advance of September and address any worries your child might be feeling, particularly after a disrupted final year in Primary.

Please let me know if you do not have access to a computer and require a paper copy by emailing the Registrar on [rovidler@highdown.reading.sch.uk](mailto:rovidler@highdown.reading.sch.uk) or telephoning the school on 0118 901 5800. If you no longer need the school place for whatever reason then these details will be deleted and the admission form destroyed.

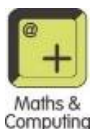
We look forward to a long and fruitful association with you and your child and I give you my personal guarantee that at Highdown School and Sixth Form Centre they will receive an excellent education.

Yours sincerely



Ms R Cave  
Headteacher

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