

June 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

New Year 5 Parents' Meeting - Revised Arrangements for Transition

I hope this letter finds you safe and well in these challenging and extraordinary times. As you are aware, we had previously arranged the parents' meeting for our new Year 5 students at 6.30 pm on Monday 13th July. However, due to the continuing restrictions in relation to social gatherings, that meeting will not be able to take place.

As a replacement to our normal transition events, we have decided to put together an online transition package that can be accessed by yourselves, along with your children. This will hopefully answer many of the questions which you, or they, may have with regards to their transition to Catshill Middle School. The transition page can be accessed via the school website at <https://www.catshill-middle.worcs.sch.uk/parental-information/transition-information>

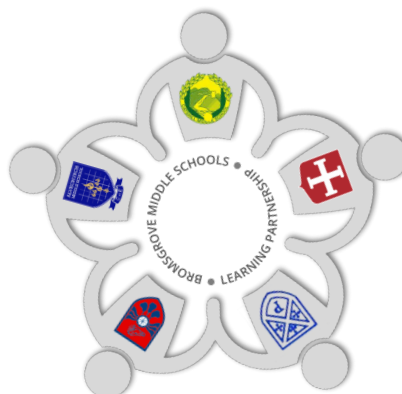
Regrettably, we will not be able to have our normal transition day which was also scheduled for 13th July. I can assure you that we are working hard to ensure that, if government guidance permits, we will have a full and proper induction for our new pupils at the start of the Autumn Term. We will ensure that our new pupils have a gradual transition to Middle School and can get used to their new surroundings without other pupils being in the building. The start to the Autumn Term will be a difficult one for lots of pupils as they return to school and we will be managing that process carefully.

I appreciate that this is a very anxious time for you and your child(ren) and that they may not have had the chance to finish their time in First School in the usual way. All the processes that we normally undertake with our Feeder First Schools, to ensure we are fully informed about your child, have gone ahead this term. We would also like them to complete their own transition booklet, which is located on the website (link above, or you can collect a paper copy if you are unable to work on a device from the school office), so their new class teachers can learn about them straight from the horse's mouth! We would love this to be returned to the school office using transition@catshill-middle.worcs.sch.uk

Please rename the file with your child's name and First School.

Thank you for your understanding, this is not how we would have wanted their journey to Middle School to begin but will do all we can to ensure they settle in as quickly as possible.

Mr James Thompson
Head of School



Transition timeline for Catshill Middle School

Dear Parent/Carer,

We are looking forward to welcoming your child to Catshill Middle School in September. We will be keeping in touch with you in a number of different ways. Some of the information below is provisional and subject to change. We will update you in due course as things develop. A transition letter is attached to this email.

1. There is now a designated transition area on the Catshill Middle School website. Click [Transition Information](#) to visit the site.
2. A short welcome and virtual tour video has been created to introduce you to some of the key staff at Catshill Middle School. This is available **now**.
3. You will be receiving answers to your questions by the end of **June**. If you have further questions you can use the online form to ask them [here](#).
4. Further transition information will be provided in **July** including a chance to hear from the Year 5 class teachers and other key staff.

Provisional **September** plan (subject to change by the DFE, Worcestershire Childrens First or Catshill Middle School)

Wednesday 2nd September - Transition Day **FOR YEAR 5 ONLY AND ANY OTHER NEW STARTERS IN OTHER YEAR GROUPS**

Thursday 3rd September - All Year groups in school.