



June 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

September 2020 Starters – Transition Updates

We hope this letter finds you and your family well and that you are looking forward to starting with us here at Kemnal – we are certainly looking forward to having you. Our aim is to keep you as updated as possible with news about how transition will run and what we know about September. As you will appreciate, much about September's set up is still uncertain, however there are things about transition we would like to share to hopefully answer questions that our new students and parents may have.

What's already been done?

*Year 6 teachers and Primary SENDCOs have been contacted in order to request information on your children's strengths, needs and personalities so that we can try to begin to get to know them. We have heard so many great things about our new students already.

*Virtual meetings are being set up with the primary schools so that we can further discuss our new Year 7 cohort to ensure we have understood the information received and are preparing the very best for you.

* Our website has a new tab dedicated to the information you will need to know. <http://www.ktc-tkat.org/428/new-year-7s-sept-2020>. This includes pages on uniform and equipment, form tutors, maps and photographs of the site and Year 7 block and help on how to support your child with their transition from home. Keep visiting the site as we will continue to add information and help here!

*Our Year 7 team and SEND department are having regular meetings to discuss next steps to make your arrival with us to be the best it can be.

What to expect next...

*We can now confirm that **the induction days (30.06.2020 & 01.07.2020) are officially cancelled alongside the Parent Welcome Meetings (30.06.2020)**. While we were all aware that this was a likely outcome, we are incredibly disappointed and feel saddened that this is not available to your children at this time. Please know that we are working hard on our plans for when the students can join us for the first time.

* There will be an **online form** going out to parents shortly which asks a few questions about your child so that we can get your opinion on their strengths and needs too. This will be sent directly to you via email and will also be posted on the KTC website under the 'New Year 7s – Sept 2020' tab so keep an eye out.

*We also want to hear from the students themselves and so there will be a **Pupil Voice Questionnaire** to help guide us further on what we can do to support them.

*Tell your children to watch out for a **surprise** coming in the post. We hope it will give our students something to be excited about.

We will be in touch with more information as soon as we are able. In the meantime, keep looking at our website for updates, in your inbox for forms and in the post for surprises.

Yours faithfully,

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