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15<sup>th</sup> June 2021

Dear Parent/Guardian

## Transition to Sandy Secondary School - Years 7 and 9

I regret to inform you that we have had to make the very difficult decision to cancel our planned transition day for our new Year 7 and Year 9 students on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> June. This decision has been made following the Government's announcement yesterday that the planned easing of the national lockdown has been postponed until July. In light of this, and the very significant number of positive cases of the Delta variant in our local area we, therefore, have no choice but to cancel our face-to-face transition day. This decision has also been made on the basis of local public health guidance.

I know that this decision will be very disappointing, but we have to prioritise the health and safety of our students and staff and minimise possible transmission of Covid-19 across multiple schools and bubbles.

Despite this change to our transition programme for this year, please rest assured that we will still be working hard to ensure that the transition to Sandy Secondary School is as successful and smooth as possible. To this end, we have ensured that the first teaching day on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> September is set aside for our new intake Year 7 and new intake Year 9 students. This day will be designed to help ease students into the school, and provide them with an opportunity to experience some lessons and spend time with their form tutor.

In addition to the above, we have recorded a PowerPoint presentation on the transition for 2021 and this will be available next week, alongside a series of transition videos on the school website, [www.sandysecondaryschool.com](http://www.sandysecondaryschool.com), under the **Admission 2021** tab. We hope that this presentation will provide you with the information you need in order to support your child over the following weeks, and to make the transition as successful as possible. Mr A Rutter, our Vice Principal and Mrs J Devereux, our Behaviour & Attendance Manager, will also be making visits to some of our feeder schools over the next few weeks, to meet our new intake and answer any questions that they may have.

As communicated previously, our uniform supplier, Prestige Design & Workwear, has agreed to come into school on **Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> and Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> June 2021, from 4.00pm to 7.00pm**. They are offering a limited number of appointments for students to try on, or be measured for uniform, at 15-minute intervals. They can see up to six families at a time, starting at 4.00pm, and will be based in our Sports Hall. Please make your way to the main school reception, and we will direct you to the Sports Hall. Please note that appointments are now very limited on Wednesday, but more widely available on Thursday.

I am afraid that, due to the current Covid restrictions, you will only be able to bring the child who is starting with us in September, with one parent/guardian. **Please do not bring any other parents/guardians, siblings or relatives to these appointments, as they will have to be turned away.** If you have two children joining the school in September, even if they are in different year groups, they will be able to see you at the same time.

Please telephone the main school office on **01767 680598** between **9.00am** and **3.00pm** on a school day, to make your appointment. If these dates are not convenient, please contact Prestige direct, on 01582 883222, to make a suitable appointment to visit the shop.

We will also be offering virtual Question and Answer sessions on **Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> June 2021**, where you will have the opportunity to speak to a member of our Senior Leadership Team. You do not need to book an appointment for this - simply click on the link below, relevant to your child's school.

To attend one of the Q&A sessions, please join virtually by following the link to the desired session. The timings of the sessions are outlined below. The links will be made available on our website on the **Admissions 2021** tab.

**Timings of Virtual Question and Answer Sessions:**

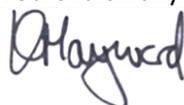
(Suggested timings are shown for each school – if you are unable to make the allocated session, space will be available on one of the other sessions).

Time	Schools
4.00pm	<b>St Swithun's Primary School, Laburnum Primary School, Other Schools</b> <a href="#">Click here to join the meeting</a>
5.00pm	<b>Potton Middle School and John Donne Primary School</b> <a href="#">Click here to join the meeting</a>
6.00pm	<b>Robert Peel Primary School and Moggerhanger Primary School</b> <a href="#">Click here to join the meeting</a>
7.00pm	<b>Maple Tree Primary School, Edward Peake Middle School, Everton Heath Primary School, Roxton Academy and Biggleswade Academy</b> <a href="#">Click here to join the meeting</a>

In addition to the above support, we will be writing to you again before the end of this academic year to provide information on the House allocation for your child. We will also be offering you the opportunity for you and your child to meet with their House Achievement Leader before the end of this term. Further details on the arrangements for this will be communicated to you shortly.

We look forward to working with you, our parents/guardians, to ensure that your child has the very best start in their new school, on the journey to them becoming valued members of our school and local community.

Yours faithfully



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