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Dear Parent/Carer

As we approach the end of term I want to keep you informed of the latest developments in our transition process. The COVID-19 pandemic has meant that we are not able to carry out transition in the way we usually would however, we are working hard to ensure that all students make a smooth and successful transition to Westhoughton High School in September.



Starting a new school is exciting but of course can be daunting and so we have tried where possible to place students in forms with a member of their friendship group. Before the end of term, we will let your child know by letter which form group they are in and their form tutor will place an introduction and welcome on our website.



Please regularly visit the transition section of our website where you will find helpful information and activities designed to aid transition which are regularly updated.



As students are unfortunately not able to come into school we have put together a virtual tour which allows them to familiarise themselves with our site and meet some members of staff.

A transition information session for our parents from our Headteacher, Deputy Headteachers and year 7 leads will be uploaded to our website in the coming days and we would appreciate it if you would take the time to look at it.



I would also like to take this opportunity to introduce you to Mr Barwise and Mrs Garner who will be leading year 7 in September. Mr Barwise is our Student Progress Leader and Mrs Garner is our Student Support Leader. They will together guide students through their academic studies and wider personal development in school. Both members of staff will play a key role in fostering a sense of identity and belonging for the students in their care and they are already busy planning together for the new academic year (watch out for their year 7 summer challenge!).



I and all the staff at Westhoughton High School are looking forward to meeting our new year group and celebrating the many successes that I know they will achieve.



If you have any questions at all leading up to September, please do not hesitate to contact me on mparkinson@westhoughton-high.org

Yours Sincerely,



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