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Dear Parents and Carers

Further to my letter of 28 April, I can now clarify further detail regarding the transition arrangements for your child to Oaklands Catholic School.

Please find enclosed in this pack the following:

- An Information Booklet
- An Activity Booklet
- A Chaplaincy Booklet
- A stamped addressed envelope for the return of the Activity Booklet by 22 August 2020.

A video guide to the school to support the Activity Booklet can be found, along with all of the other materials, on our website via the following link:

<https://www.oaklandscatholicschool.org/parents/yr6-yr7-transition/>

Now that the situation regarding the return of Year 6 students to school has been clarified, our focus is on supporting students to be ready emotionally and practically for the move to secondary school. The meetings between Year 6 teachers and our Year 7 staff regarding the academic and social profile of students will commence in early June and this will be used to inform the setting of our eight mixed ability tutor groups.

Once the Year 6 students are settled back into school, we hope we can visit some of our primary schools, this will need to be facilitated around the safeguarding restrictions currently in place within the primary setting. Please be aware, because of restrictions and the large number of schools, over 45, it may not be possible to visit all schools.

Now that we understand the constraints that primary schools are working under, it is our ambition to bring Year 6 into Oaklands in small groups before the end of term. Equally, we would like to facilitate visits for those who are the only student coming to us from their primary school and for those with EHCPs and vulnerable SEN students. The details of any visits will be communicated at a later time, once we are able to organise these within PHE and DfE guidance.

In early July, we will provide further transition information and also facilitate an opportunity to communicate with your child's form tutor.

Thank you for your continued support at this time and I do hope that your child enjoys returning to school for the remaining weeks of their primary schooling.

Best wishes.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Matthew Quinn', with a horizontal line underneath the name.

Mr Matthew Quinn
Headteacher