

14th May 2020

Dear Year 6 Parent / Carer

September Admission Update

I am pleased to be able to write to you during these challenging times.

There is obviously much uncertainty, but we are aiming to be open in September and constantly review Government guidance to update our plans in relation to opening the school again. In the meantime, I wanted to take this opportunity to reassure you with regard to some aspects of your child joining us in September.

Induction

It is unlikely that we will hold our usual two days of induction in the Summer term, although if we can do something, we will. In the absence of these transition days, we will ensure a full induction programme for our new Year 7 students when we open and will send out more details as soon as we have them. We will also be posting news and information on our website so please start visiting that on a regular basis. As in previous years we are planning that the first day will be for our new Year 7 only to get settled in before the rest of the school join. Provisionally the first day should be Monday 7th September 2020.

Uniform

The supply of both our new and existing uniform has been affected by the COVID-19 crisis. Our school is in close contact with our supplier and continues to monitor the situation very carefully. We have been advised that the new uniform should be available at a sizing event in August. We will contact you later this term with an update, however it may be worth keeping your current uniform if lockdown restrictions continue to impact a range of services.

Education

Please encourage your child to continue completing school work during the summer term. The BBC Bitesize website has plenty of Year 6/7 to study. If you do not have internet access, please contact your child's primary for work to help their skills develop. During the summer term, we will ask for your support for your child to complete some core English and Maths work to help get them started in the most appropriate class. This work would usually be provided to complete at primary school after SATs.

Sports Week

It is with great regret that our popular Sports Week has been cancelled as per all our other events. Refunds or cancelled cheques have been processed and returned to you by post where appropriate.

SEND

We have noted Special Educational Needs from your returned Data forms to help us ensure your child receives the support they need. If your circumstances have changed or you have any specific questions, please contact Mrs Dawson - Trust Senior Assistant SENCO by email and we will endeavour to progress your enquiries over the coming weeks.

Email h.dawson@marshlandhigh.co.uk

Communication

During the summer term, we will need to communicate with you via email and/or mobile phone. We will be using the contact details you have provided on the admission forms already returned to us. If you have changed any contact details please email c.hopps@westnorfolkacademiestrust.co.uk to update us.

If you do not receive emails from us, please check your spam folders to ensure the following email address <u>9264023@capita-intouch.co.uk</u> is added to your safe-sender (or whitelist) to allow our emails to arrive with you safely. More details can be found on our website or via your provider.

We very much look forward to welcoming your child to Marshland in September 2020 and will do our best to make the transition as smooth as possible. In the meantime, if you have any concerns or queries, please direct them to Mrs Swinburn - Assistant Head Teacher KS3 by email on s.swinburn@marshlandhigh.co.uk

Best wishes and keep safe

Mr C Jansen Headteacher