



RAINFORD HIGH

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Dear Parents/Carers

We are writing to you to provide you with the plan for the Year 6 to Year 7 transition. We understand that this is a difficult time and we want to make this year's transition as effective as possible. Currently we have been advised that we are unable to invite Year 6 students onto our site until further notice and therefore transition will take place virtually.

The steps to our transition will be as follows:

- **Friday 3rd July** - We will be releasing a video tour of the school with introductions from key members of staff at Rainford, including the pastoral team, senior leadership and form tutors. This is intended for Year 6 children to watch along with parents. We will explain how the school operates and look at the different departments and areas of site.
- **Friday 10th July** – We will be releasing a welcome video for parents, which will cover key information regarding transition and what life at Rainford will be like. We will also provide you with information about how the school is currently operating.

We will be releasing these videos on our website at www.rainford.org.uk/transition, where you will find a copy of this letter. All transition information will be released on this page so please check regularly. You will be receiving a transition booklet through the post shortly too to support you with the transition.

- **Parent and student queries** – We have set up an email address called transition@rainford.org.uk for you to send any questions or concerns you may have. Mr Kenyon (Assistant Principal for Student Support) and Miss Harrison (Transition Coordinator) will be managing this email account and we will either answer your queries or direct them to the most appropriate person. This email address is to be used by parents and students. We ask that you use this email address so that all queries are answered in a timely manner.
- **Getting ready for September** – We are looking forward to meeting our new Year 7 in September and we are setting up some Year 6 to Year 7 bridging units to help our new students prepare for studies at Rainford. This will include some work from each subject, along with pre-reading and skill development tasks to support them in their transition. These tasks will be released on our school website www.rainford.org.uk/transition and further information about this will be released on the video released on Friday 10th July.

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- **Students who may struggle with transition** – We understand that students find transition challenging. If you feel your child is going to struggle with transition, then please email transition@rainford.org.uk and a staff member will contact you to discuss this further. Students with SEN needs will be contacted by the SEN department.

September

Currently we are unable to say how the transition process in September will look, but we will provide updates on the school website. We will hopefully be able to explain more in the Friday 10th July video, but we will keep you informed on the website.

We hope this letter provides you with some reassurance and we hope you find the videos useful.

Kind regards

J Kenyon

Mr Kenyon
Assistant Principal