

Dear Parent / Carer,

I hope you remain safe and well. I am getting in touch at this time to give you more information regarding our transition arrangements for September.

We are communicating this in the form of a letter with links and an email. Please can you read this letter with your son to help with explanations, check their understanding and help allay any concerns they may have.

We have been working hard to devise a number of virtual transition activities and meetings, given that current government guidance will not allow for any face-to-face provision here at school.

This letter includes a link to a virtual tour of our Star Room and Discovery Room for you and your son to watch at your leisure. The content is no real substitute for meeting us all in the learning environment, but will go some way to giving you all an idea of what to expect.

Have a look at the 'Star Room' section of our school website found in the 'Parents' link/Middle school section on the website's Home page <u>https://abbeypark.worcs.sch.uk/</u>.

I am attaching the New Intake pack of information that includes a transition booklet called 'My New School' about the routines, as well as 'All about me' – a booklet for you and your son to fill in together, to let the Star Room team here, know about them. This will help us as a team, to provide an additional layer of transition support for our Star Room students.

The first 2 days of term are Thursday 3rd and Fri 4th Sept 2020 and we are going to use these days for transition time into your son's new school. This means, as a Star Room pupil, your son will be invited in for part of, either one or two of these days, to get to know our setting and routines. We will let you know when your son's transition time is, via email before the end of term.

Finally, we are very much looking forward to getting to know all our new Star Room pupils and welcoming them to Abbey Park Federation. We understand the transition process this year will not deliver the usual reassurances that physical contact and visits can provide, but we are committed to doing everything we can to prepare your son effectively for this exciting new chapter in their educational journey.

If you have any further queries, please do drop me an email at: <u>sw@abbeyparkfirst.worcs.sch.uk</u>

Yours faithfully,

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