



Fairlands Middle School

Caring and Inspirational



25 June 2020

Parents/Carers of Year 4 Pupils

Dear Parent/Carer

Ordinarily at this time of year, we would have invited your child to join us on our transfer day to meet their tutor, make new friends and see their new tutor room. We would also have invited you to attend an evening meeting whereby you would meet the tutors, Mr Passingham, Head of Year 5, and members of the school leadership group. We are very disappointed that we cannot hold these two key events this year due to the coronavirus situation which makes our usual transition process a little different.

To help with your child's transition on this next stage of their educational journey, there is a suite of information which we are sharing on our website. For this purpose, there is a link on the front page called 'Admissions & Information for Year 4 Parents and Pupils joining us in September 2020'. There are likely to be many changes to school guidance over the next few weeks, including the summer holiday period, so please keep a close eye on this page for updates.

In this area you will find many documents and videos that will provide both yourself and your child with useful information, give a virtual tour of the school and see a few of the staff that they will meet when they join us in September. We have included the following:

- 'General information', including details of school times, meals, uniform etc.
- A video tour of our school narrated by one of our pupils.
- Fairlands Standard
- Anti-Bullying Charter
- Sample menu from the school canteen
- A letter to pupils from myself and Mr Passingham, along with a 'What to expect on my first day' guide

Myself and Mr Passingham have planned sessions to join the children virtually when they attend school, and we are really looking forward to meeting them and getting to know them in this way. I also plan to film my usual talk to parents and add this to the documents above, as well as introduce the Year 4 children to a challenge I would like them to work on over the next few weeks.

In conjunction with this, each Year 4 child will receive a pack, including a letter from their Year 7 buddy. The buddy system was set up a few years ago to help the children settle into their first year at Fairlands and has proven to be extremely successful. The Year 7 pupils really look forward to meeting and helping their new buddies. The pack will also contain information confirming your child's tutor and house group. I am extremely grateful for the hard work carried out by the Year 4 staff in coordinating these groups and ensuring that all pupils are placed with at least one friend, as they begin the next stage of their educational journey with us.

We hope this goes some small way in helping you prepare your son/daughter for their start with us in September. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school office on 01934 743186 or email office@fairlandsmiddleschool.co.uk.

We look forward to meeting your child and working with you in September.

Yours sincerely

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Safeguarding Children is everyone's responsibility.

If you are worried about any child please make an appointment to see either Helen Heffernan, Designated Safeguarding Lead or Robert Cooling, Felicity Grant, Sally Virgin, Designated Safeguarding Deputies
Alternatively, you can phone NPSCC: 0808 800 5000 Somerset Direct: 0300 123 2224