

Lincoln Christ's Hospital School

A Specialist Language College and Academy
Educating in Lincoln since 1090



Dear Parent/Carer

We hope that you and your families are all keeping safe and well at this time. I just wanted to write to you to give you an update on the current arrangements and continued transition plans.

Firstly, we are all so excited to welcome you and your child to the Lincoln Christ's Hospital School family. Hopefully by now you will have all received in the post your child's admission form. If this is not the case then please do get in touch and we will send one out to you as soon as possible. Furthermore, you should have also received, via e-mail, a parent questionnaire and a template to help your child write a letter to their future form tutor. Again, if this has not arrived please e-mail transition@lchs.eu and one will be e-mailed directly to you.

Unfortunately, at this moment in time and in line with government guidance we will not be able to go ahead with our planned transition days and our parents' information evening which was due to take place on 25th June. However, please rest assured that we are doing all we can to ensure that you children feel ready to embark upon their move up to secondary school.

I have had the absolute pleasure over the past few weeks of making contact with Y6 teachers to find out more about your child and how best we can support them as they make the move to secondary school. We are really keen to get to know your child as an individual and we want to ensure that they feel happy and supported throughout this time. As part of this you will find in this pack our Y7 booklet that goes through lots of information as to what to expect from Y7. In addition, there is further information about uniform and the Y7 curriculum. We are also updating our website to include a dedicated Transition section. This will be updated regularly and over the next few weeks videos will be uploaded to introduce key members of staff to your child and to show them virtually around the school. We will also be making these videos available to your child's primary school so that they can also watch them at school.

Furthermore, I will be completing virtual Q&A sessions with some of our primary schools so that your child is able to ask any questions that they might have, and they will be given an immediate response.

The Transition part of the School website can be found here: <https://www.christs-hospital.lincs.sch.uk/parents/transition>

We will also communicate to you via e-mail and through the school Twitter account. If you have not yet received an e-mail from the school please can you let us know so that we can update the system.

We will be assigning all students to a tutor group and we will endeavour to ensure that children will be placed with at least one or two people from their primary school. If your child is the only child coming up from their primary school, then they will be placed with other children who are in the same position. There is space on the letter template that has already been e-mailed out for children and parents to name one or two children who they would like to be with. As soon as I have

completed putting the tutor groups together, we will be in contact regarding the tutor group your child is going to be in. They will then also receive communication from their form tutor and video introductions will be available from the school's website.

We have received the following information for parents from School Transport at the Local Authority. "If your child is transferring to secondary school in September 2020, they may be eligible for school transport. If you think your child is eligible, please apply for transport as soon as you have your offer of a school place. Applications can be made online at the website below or telephone applications can be made by contacting the Customer Service Centre on 01522 782020." For more information about home to school transport policy and online applications, please go to www.lincolnshire.gov.uk/school-college-transport Queries can be emailed to: schooltransportapplications@lincolnshire.gov.uk

If your child is wanting a place on the Lea/Gainsborough bus then please can you make contact with Mrs Turner at tturner@lchs.eu.

Please note that the first day of the academic year for Y7 is 2nd September. On this date we would like children to arrive in school for 8:25am. This date is just for Y7 so it will enable them to become more familiar with the school before the other students arrive.

I have listed below some e-mail addresses for key staff in case you have any further comments or questions:

- Mrs Fearn-Davies-Head of Transition: rfearns@lchs.eu
- Mr Gemmill SENCO jgemmill@lchs.eu
- Mrs J Evans -Head of Y7 (It is hoped that Mrs Evans will remain your child's Head of Year from Y7 through to Y11) jevans@lchs.eu
- Mrs T Turner- Assistant Head of Transition. If you have concerns regarding transport then please get in touch with Mrs Turner- tturner@lchs.eu

For any other enquires please contact transition@lchs.eu or the main school on 01522 881144.

If you feel that your child is really going to struggle with the idea of moving up to secondary school due to any medical or Special Educational Needs then please can you let us know so that our SENCO can make contact to see what further provision can be put in place.

In addition, as and when the national picture changes we will communicate with you as swiftly as possible regarding any changes to our transition package.

Everybody at Lincoln Christ's Hospital School is looking forward to welcoming your child to the school and hopefully we will all be together soon.

Yours faithfully

Mrs Fearn-Davies
Head of Transition