

Dear Parents and Guardians of our new Year 7 cohort,

It is so nice to be able to make contact with you and formally welcome you to the Wellington community.

These are strange times and I can imagine you are feeling more apprehensive about September than any previous Year 6 parents.

My main message to you is **please do not worry**.

I thought I would use our school values to construct the rest of my email.

Excellence:

We do transition well at Wellington. Covid-19 will not stop us! I truly believe I lead the best transition team:

- Mrs N Dunne- Year 7 Pastoral Manager and Transition Lead (welfare and pastoral care for Year 6 into Year 7)
- Mr M Tomlinson- Director of Key Stage 3 (Head of behaviour, ethos and academic progress of Years 7, 8 and 9)
- Mrs S Norbury – SENDCo (sen@wellington.trafford.sch.uk)
- Mrs L Cooper- Assistant Headteacher i/c of KS3, SEND and Pupil Premium.

Endeavour:

We are working very hard behind the scenes, your Primary schools are passing all kinds of information to us. Yes we get a lot of data, but we also get long pen profiles of your children. Year 6 teachers are outstanding at building vivid pictures of your children. We can't wait to meet them in person! We will be setting some really fun transition work over the summer for your children to try- so they can work hard to get themselves ready for "big school"

Honesty:

We don't know what September will look like. Current DfE guidelines are that no transition visits, parent events can take place this term. It's highly unlikely your child will get to visit Wellington to do a transition visit before

the end of term. What we can tell you is whatever we CAN do to help your child; we will do.

We hope to be able to get some children in for a visit over the summer. Mrs Dunne and Mr Tomlinson hope to try to visit Primary Schools guidelines permit.

A transition point in time is always a good time to reflect. Ask your child- what do you want your Wellington journey to look like? You never get a second chance to make a first impression. Some children didn't have the best record at Primary- this is their fresh start. Be honest and be true to yourself.

Fairness:

Not everyone is the same and that is a good thing. How dull would it be to have 265 clones arrive at the gates. Some children will need more help than others with transition. Lockdown and the fact your children were denied their Year 6 rites of passages will have had an impact. Some children will have suffered bereavement, some will be out of routines, some will be scared and anxious.....but most will be raring to go. We are here to put the help in, that **your** child needs. Please just ask if you feel your child needs some more help.

Community:

You are now part of the Wellington family! We will all meet at some point- whether we hold that Sports Day they missed out on, have some kind of belated leavers prom and get their year 6 teacher's back in.

In the meantime use our website for the most up-to-date information <https://www.wellington-school.co.uk/new-year-7-2020/> on uniform, policies, structure of the day etc

Follow our Instagram at <https://www.instagram.com/wellytransition/> for videos from the staff, messages from the T-Buddies and send us some things to post! We would love to get to know your children! One great idea is walk to school with them and get them to take a **"selfie at the sign"**.

In the meantime stay safe and please do not hesitate to get in touch with me on:

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