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Headteacher:

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Dear Year 6 Students and Parents/Carers

Update on arrangements for students transferring to Year 7 in September 2021

At this time we would usually be writing to you to invite you to our Open Evening or subsequent Open Mornings, but in light of the current circumstances we are having to work very differently this year.

In all of our decision making the safety of our students, staff, parents, and indeed our wider community, has taken priority and we believe that it would be unwise to try to hold an event which could compromise the work that we have done to reduce the risks associated with Covid-19.

Year 6 students and their parents are very much a priority and we are aware that you will be asked to make an important decision in the next few weeks about where you would like your son / daughter to be educated from September 2021. To support you with this we are developing a plan, to provide you with the information that you require and which we believe will demonstrate why Cockermouth School is the ideal next step in your academic journey.

We have developed and maintained very positive relationships with our local primary schools and we have asked to visit some of those schools (where the majority of Year 6 students have chosen to attend Cockermouth School in recent years) to speak to students in the next couple of weeks.

When we do this, we will be explaining about what Cockermouth School has to offer. We will be answering questions, reinforcing the outstanding pastoral care that our school provides, and highlighting the first class achievements of our students which we are understandably very proud of. The students will then receive a prospectus and some further information about our school, which they can bring home to share with you.

If your child does not attend one of these schools, or is absent from school on the day that we visit, then we will ensure that this information is all available on our school website. We would also like to take this opportunity to draw your attention to our Admission Arrangements which can also be found there (www.cockermouthschool.org).

It may be that this information, along with your existing knowledge of the school, is enough to reassure you that Cockermouth School is the right school for you and your child and that you will be confident to select Cockermouth School as your first choice for September 2021.

Alternatively, you may feel that you would like more information or that you would like to visit Cockermouth School, to find out more about us before making a final decision on your choice of secondary school.

Whilst we are unable to offer a whole school event, we are planning to offer personalised tours, where a family can meet with a member of Cockermouth School staff and spend 45 minutes touring the site and asking the questions that they may have around the transition process or about the school in general. These tours will take place over a two week period (**Monday 28 September - Friday 9 October** and will start at **09:00, 11:00 and 13:40**).

If you are interested in attending one of these sessions, then please register your interest with the school via <https://cockermouth.fireflycloud.net/year-6-transition/year-6-transition---school-tour-bookings>. If there is a specific question that you would like further information on please let us know in this communication, as we would like to make the meeting as convenient and personalised as possible. For any families who are unable to visit the school to have such a meeting, we will look at offering alternative meetings via Microsoft Teams.

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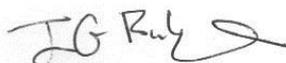
We are disappointed that we are not able to run our usual programme of events, but we trust that you understand the reasons for this decision. You can be reassured that we will be working tirelessly over the next few weeks to provide you with as much information and guidance as we are able.

Finally, can we add that if you have any questions about the transfer of students to Cockermouth School, or any queries about anything stated in this communication or elsewhere, please contact the school via email at year6transition@cockermouthschool.org .

Yours sincerely



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