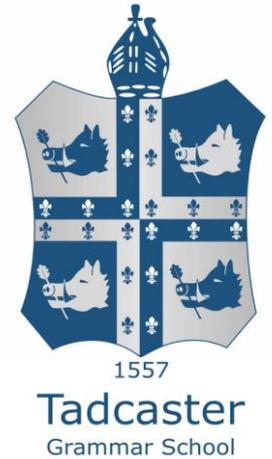


Be Your Best Self

March 2020

Dear Parents,



Re: Transition arrangements for students joining Tadcaster Grammar School in September 2020

We recently wrote to you outlining the various ways in which we would support students making the transition from Primary school to Tadcaster Grammar School. In light of the current situation around Coronavirus and the impact it is having on the usual operation of schools I wanted to update you on adjustments we have made to these processes.

Visiting students in their primary schools:

We planned to visit each primary school and speak to students about the transition from primary to secondary school. This would have also provided students with the opportunity to ask any questions they have - and there are usually quite a few.

We are now considering ways to answer student questions including through the production of a "Frequently Asked Questions" document and the opportunity to ask any other questions via email. We will be in touch once these arrangements are finalised.

Speaking with primary school teachers:

We planned to visit each primary school to speak with the current class teacher about each individual student and how we can best support their individual transition.

We are now collecting the 'routine' information from primary schools electronically and will enhance this via phone conversations where appropriate. For students with specific needs we are aiming to rearrange face to face meetings with key primary school staff once the situation becomes clearer.

Collecting information from students via the "Passport to TGS":

We have received a large number of "Passports to TGS" already. Thank you for those who have done so. If you have not already returned the document please continue to work with your child to complete it and send it in to school via the post using the envelope provided.

In particular students advising us of their friends is necessary for us to start organising the teaching groups ready for September as we aim to ensure that students are with at least 1 person they know for most of their lessons.

In order to allow us to continue with this process if we need to start to work from home we would ask that you complete the online google form we have set up solely for this purpose. It will take less than 5 minutes to complete and only asks for information about friends for our teaching group planning purposes please follow this link <https://forms.gle/nSZqqwbeaJ1MnSCcA>

Transition days:

We had planned for all students joining us in September 2020 to spend 3 days on 1st, 2nd and 3rd July for various transition activities.

We are continuing to plan for these 3 days to take place as usual.

If you have any questions then please do get in touch with me on s.wren@tgs.starmat.uk

Best wishes

Steve Wren