

June 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

### **Year 6 Transition 2020**

I do hope that this letter finds you and your families safe and well. I am writing to explain the process we have organised to reassure you that we are working very hard behind the scenes to ensure that your child has a successful start to their time with us at Dixons Kings Academy.

Currently, whilst your children work at home, we have been liaising with their primary schools and their class teachers to find out all about them: their needs, their likes and dislikes, their friendship groups, their learning levels – the list could go on! We are also speaking to any specialist staff involved in supporting your children. This will hopefully enable us to organise supportive family groups (form classes) for your child, as well as ensuring our staff know a little bit about them, before they arrive.

Included in this pack is a letter for your child, and a booklet for them to look at and work through in preparation for moving to Dixons Kings. This booklet contains lots of transition activities, for example ‘how to read a timetable’ and some explanations of our rules and routines (the little things that we do at DKA that make us a little bit different). This will hopefully answer a lot of questions your child might have about secondary school and alleviate some of the worries you may share about the unknown.

Moreover, we are also going to film a short video, introducing key staff and aspects of the school for you to watch together. This will be uploaded on to our website and will replace the Transition Evening that should have taken place on 7 May. It will explain our values, expectations, rules and routines – and our family dining. We will send a text to all parents on the phone number you provided on your application form to inform you when this is available for viewing. If you have any questions afterward, you can email: [info@dixonska.com](mailto:info@dixonska.com) and a member of the senior leadership team will get back to you.

In the pack there is also the Parent/Carer Handbook and the Home-Academy Agreement. Please read all the handbook and sign the Home-Academy Agreement. The agreement should be returned to school on your child’s first day back. The handbook provides information about uniform (on page 17) and there is also a leaflet in this pack. Given the current circumstances, the uniform shop would like you to either order online from the following website: [www.smartschoolwearcentre.co.uk](http://www.smartschoolwearcentre.co.uk) or by telephone: 01274 724676. Students in Year 7 wear a grey blazer and an orange tie.

Finally, we will have a transition session for your child in the school building, when we are allowed to return safely to school. I will inform you (in more detail) of the arrangements for this closer to the time.

I do hope that this letter has addressed some of the concerns you might have had about transition for your child. If you have any further worries, please do contact the school and we will address these for you.

Yours faithfully



Mrs K Lang  
Senior Vice Principal

