



KING JAMES'S SCHOOL

KNARESBOROUGH

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Dear Parent/Carer

YEAR 6 TRANSITION UPDATE

We hope this letter finds you and your family well.

You will no doubt be aware that the Government has asked schools to start to re-open for some children from the 1st June, and that the focus is on bringing Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 in first. At secondary level, the focus is on giving Year 10 and 12 the opportunity to attend school during the latter part of the summer term. Of course, this might change as the guidance is updated, and currently we only have the briefest outlines from the Government about how this will work.

As your child is in Year 6 and has obtained a place at King James's in September, we want to reassure you that we are currently working on our transition process and making the necessary changes to ensure we are following the Government's guidance. Our priority is to ensure a safe and smooth transition for your son/daughter and through experience we know this is achieved through having a strong partnership with your child's primary school. This enables both schools to share key information, during these challenging times we will ensure this still happens remotely.

To make key transition information easily available we have created a Year 6 Transition section on the home page of our school website, here we will post any vital communication and notify you via email of any updates added. It is important that we have up to date information for you and your child, to gather this we sent our Admission Form out before Easter to your primary school. Thank you to those who have returned these already, we would appreciate any outstanding ones to be returned ASAP. If this was not received there is an electronic version attached which you can return to katyfooster@king-james.n-yorks.sch.uk.

The biggest challenge we face this year with the transition process will be the actual Transition Days, we are currently unclear on how or even if we can facilitate these. There is a strong possibility, due to social distancing protocols, that these will not be able to happen. Therefore, we are currently looking at alternative ways we can replicate this which could include virtual tours with key staff and current students talking about life at KJS. We are looking into the possibility of this being done remotely through our website or through carefully arranged visits. This is reliant on when and if Year 6's return to their primary schools and further changes in government guidance.

At the moment we only have the briefest of outlines from the Government but please feel reassured that we will be working with your child's primary school and following the Government's guidance, to adapt and plan a safe yet effective transition from primary to secondary school, here at King James's School.

We know you will have many unanswered questions, as have we, in relation to this new stage in the Government's COVID response. We would ask you to remain patient for a little longer and allow us to work through all the complex issues involved and then communicate to you directly through the school's website once things become clearer.

At this challenging time, we send you all our best wishes and we look forward to working with both you and your child over the next few months.

Take care and stay safe

Yours sincerely



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