

Bishop Luffa School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Transition Tuesdays 2023 – Week 1

I hope that you and your families are well, and your child is looking forward to starting secondary school in September.

I am Neil Topley, and I am one of the Assistant Headteachers at Bishop Luffa. One of my responsibilities is the transition from primary school to secondary school, which includes your child's first year with us. We are so pleased that you are going to be joining us. We cannot wait to meet you and your child, and we have a carefully planned programme to support their transition to secondary school.

Every week, on a Tuesday, we will contact you with an update on transition. This could include information and tips about support, known arrangements, as well as activities that you might want to try at home to help your child.

Two very important dates to double-check in your calendar are Monday 3 July and Wednesday 5 July. Monday is an Information Evening for you, at the school. The evening will start at 6:30pm and will conclude by 8pm.

Wednesday 5 July is your child's visit day – this is when all Year 6 students attend their secondary school for the day. We will have a packed day of activities for them, which they will spend with their Head of House and Form Tutor. We will confirm more detailed timings for the day in forthcoming Transition Tuesdays.

For Parents and Carers...

We would appreciate your support in getting to know your child, as you know them best. We have received a lot of information from primary schools about Year 6 and would like to give you the same opportunity via a Google Form.

The **Childrens' Learning and Well Being Audit**, (CLAWBA), allows us to gather important information so we can carefully plan any support they may need. Completing the form is entirely optional and all the information given will be treated in strict confidence. Please use this link to the form:

<https://forms.gle/brNNZfXPomLNfoqz6>

Moving from primary to secondary school means your child will be faced with many changes. We would recommend the resources from **YoungMinds**, a charity which provides support for children and young people's mental health. Their work includes enabling a smooth transition from primary to secondary

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school, while also teaching the importance of looking after your mental health. They have put together **ten top tips** to help your child cope with change and any other challenges they may face in life: <https://www.youngminds.org.uk/media/2odjltz/top-ten-tips-for-parents.pdf> (You can also find a copy attached to this letter).

Something for Year 6...



Your child will undoubtedly have many questions about starting secondary school, even if they haven't let on yet and are keeping quiet about any anxiety or uncertainty! We have a large team of very willing, (and able), Year 7 House Buddies, ready to answer all of their questions! Your child can email them at Year6Questions@bishopluffa.org.uk

The email address is overseen by staff, but the Year 7 pupils will be providing the answers. Replies will be sent back to your child, and we will also collate them on the Transition page on our School website. (This will be available very soon – we are just updating some of the virtual resources).

Something for both of you...

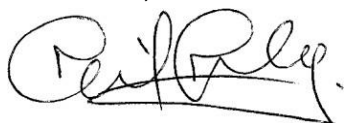
Attached, is an activity that you can do with your child, **Going to Secondary School – How do you feel?** This will certainly raise some questions, which you can encourage your child to direct to the Year 6 email address above.

Finally, a couple of **tips to consider this week:**

-  If you haven't already done so, think about how you can help your child to be more independent: at home, do they put clothes away / complete simple jobs like making their own bed or sandwiches / make hot drinks etc?
-  Ask who else is going to the same school and encourage friendships. These may not be the children your child usually socialises with, but it is always good to have a familiar face in the first few weeks. Remind your child that they will make new friends when they start their new school.

Please remember we are here for you every step of the way during your child's transition into Year 7. If you have any concerns or questions, please let us know by emailing transition@bishopluffa.org.uk

Best wishes,



Neil Topley
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