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7 March 2025



Parent/Carer of XXXX XXXX

Dear Parent/Carer

Welcome to Oldbury Wells School

We are delighted that XXXX has chosen to come to Oldbury Wells School in September and we look forward to welcoming him to the school.

Our priority at this exciting time is to provide the very best Transition Support Programme for XXXX to ensure a successful move from primary to secondary school, who is joining a thriving school which is focused on ensuring all students ASPIRE to do their best, ENJOY all they experience and ACHIEVE both academically and within their personal development.

We have a strong Year 7 Transition Team whose aim is to ensure XXXX is confident and happy as he moves through an important time of his development, the main goal being to make sure that his move to secondary school works smoothly and successfully. We will carefully tailor our programme around XXXX's needs and look forward to sharing his journey with you.

Our transition programme starts with our Parents' Information Evening on <u>Wednesday, 9 April</u> <u>2025</u>. Further details will be sent out shortly and will also be available on our website. The evening will be an opportunity for you to hear from several key members of staff, including our Head of Year 7 & Transition Lead, Mr Smith, the Senior Management Team, SENCO (Special Educational Needs Co-Ordinator) and Student Support Staff. Further information during the evening will also include:

- Introductions to key school processes
- Arrangements for form groups and how they are organised
- School/home expectations and processes
- General Information on opportunities in school including extra-curricular/ enrichment activities
- Year 6 into 7 Transition Days (Monday, 30 June and Tuesday, 1st July)
- Summer School Provision (w/b Monday, 18 August details tbc)
- Our transition arrangements for 'single' children coming from further afield.

In the weeks following the information evening we will visit XXXX in his current primary school, talking to him and his class teacher to ensure that our planning for September considers any specific needs. This also provides further opportunity for XXXX to meet key members of the Transition Team.



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In early July we plan to host our 'Taster Days' where your child will be able to join us at Oldbury Wells for two full days of activities. These are important days for XXXX as he will get the chance to meet his new form and form tutor. Where children are joining us as the only student from their primary school, we will also run our 'Singletons Day' immediately prior to the Taster Days to give them an opportunity to meet other children and at least one other member of their form group.

Further details and key dates in the transition process will follow in due course. The 'Transition 2025' section of our website has copies of key documents and information for parents. We would also strongly recommend that you follow our Facebook and social media feed for the latest updates from school.

We appreciate that the move from primary to secondary school is a significant one in XXXX's journey, therefore if you have any specific questions or would like to find out a little more about transition, please do not hesitate to get in touch and we will be more than happy to offer the chance for discussion, either over the telephone or via video conferencing.

Can I conclude by wishing XXXX all the very best with his SATs in May and formally welcome you to the Oldbury Wells family. I look forward to meeting you soon!

Yours sincerely

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Lee Tristham Headteacher