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Dear Year 6 Pupils, Parents and Guardians

We hope that all is well with you. We see that some Year 6 pupils are now back in school, but others are still at home. We are writing today to provide you with an overview of our transition process. We are going to work with you to make sure that you are well informed about your child starting with us at Oldbury Wells School, and that our new pupils can feel happy and confident in September.

The first thing to mention to you is that Mr Lee Tristham will be writing to you soon. As you will know, Mr Tristham is our new Headteacher. I will still be based at Oldbury Wells, but will be leading our family of six Trust schools including, of course, Oldbury Wells. I am sure you will want to extend a warm welcome to Mr Tristham when you have the opportunity to meet him.

Our transition work will be in three phases this year as follows:

1. **Primary Visits:** first we will be visiting as many Year 6 pupils as possible at their primary schools. In some cases, we may alternatively need to use a virtual meeting or a phone call. If your child is not in school at the moment, we will contact you at home instead, and we will also be in touch with your child's school.
2. **Virtual Parents' Evening:** we will be holding a Virtual Parents' Evening on Thursday, 18th June 2020. We will be broadcasting at 6pm and then we will be holding a series of Zoom meetings for those parents who want to join in. The Virtual Parents' Evening includes a detailed presentation which explains lots of vital information for parents and pupils about starting with us in September 2020.
3. **Phased start for pupils:** at the present time, we are not certain exactly what date or form this will take. However, we will certainly be offering a carefully phased induction to our new Year 7 pupils, even if this has to happen on the first week in September 2020.

I look forward to seeing you all 'virtually' at **6pm on Thursday 18th June**. The presentation will be broadcasted out to you at 6pm and found at [www.livestream.com/biftv/OWSJUNE2020](http://www.livestream.com/biftv/OWSJUNE2020). We will send out the Zoom invitation and password by text nearer the time. The Zoom meetings are voluntary, of course, but the Virtual Parents' Evening is going to be an important event for you and your child to watch together, if you can.

To help us to get the Virtual Parents' Evening as relevant as possible for you, we would appreciate some parents / pupils sending us any important questions in advance of the meeting. We will then get the most frequently asked questions answered during the evening. Please send us your Virtual Parents' Evening questions to email: [transition@oldburywells.com](mailto:transition@oldburywells.com)

You should already be aware that there is a section on the Oldbury Wells website for you and this includes your induction pack. There are some activities for pupils and a weekly challenge from Mr Smith, our Head of Year 7. These activities are, of course, voluntary and we hope that they are useful and engaging for you all.

Many thanks and we look forward to being in contact with you all soon.

Yours sincerely



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