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Dear Parent/Carer,

When I wrote to you in March to thank you for choosing St James Academy for your child, I could scarcely have imagined the events which were due to unfold with such profound effects. The closure of our schools, the move to distance learning and the uncertainty caused by Coronavirus pandemic have all combined to create a summer term unlike any we have known before or are unlikely to ever experience again.

I understand fully that the present circumstances must be causing some anxiety for both you and your child. The transition to secondary school is an important event in normal times; given the current situation, you must have questions which, I hope, this letter will help to answer. I also hope that it will give you some reassurance that your child's transition may be different this year but it certainly will be planned and executed with thought and care as normal.

Our transition process is managed by Mr Ferguson who has managed this annual event for many years now. Mr Ferguson will be keeping you informed, via the school website initially, regarding the transition process and will keep you updated with any changes and events that are happening. Mr Ferguson's support to you will gain momentum over the coming weeks and when we return to school, he will be liaising with you further regarding our transition process. If you have any questions, concerns or information you feel important regarding your child at this point, then please e-mail him at sferguson@stjamesacademy.org.uk and he will respond to your concerns.

Please feel reassured that Mr Ferguson is already liaising with your child's primary school to get all the relevant information that we can in order to make this process as smooth as possible. When we have firm plans for the gradual re-opening of our academy, we shall make further decisions about how to manage our on-site induction programme. This has been carefully designed to support your child's transition but will be subject to change at short notice, dependant on the changing circumstances of the Coronavirus pandemic.

In order to keep you up-to-date with developments and with information which you may find useful, we have created a special section of our website dedicated to Y6 transition at www.stjamesacademy.org.uk/transitionhub. Here you will find copies of letters, information about uniform and items of news to keep you updated with our arrangements. You can also follow St James Academy on Facebook and Twitter. Rest assured that we will do all we can to support you and your child remotely.

We hope that transition will be as smooth and enjoyable as possible and I look forward to meeting you and your child as soon as possible.

Yours sincerely

I Moore
Principal



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