



Dear parent / carer,

Thank you for your patience while we have adjusted our Key Stage 2-3 transition plans. Our activities and information evenings were planned around the stage 4 easing of lockdown. The 'putting back' of this date has unfortunately meant we had had to cancel / changes aspects of our transition programme to meet government guidelines on social distancing.

This letter outlines our amended transition preparations in the lead up to the summer holiday and will hopefully answer some of your questions.

### Are the Information Evenings taking place at Eckington School?

We emailed last week to inform you that the delay to the easing of lockdown meant all our information evenings have had to be cancelled. There will no longer be on site presentations on the 22nd, 23rd or 29th June. However, we are pleased to let you know that there will be an electronic version of the evening available on Eckington School's website, in the **Transition KS2-KS3** section from **28th June 2021**. Please do take some time to view the presentation at your leisure. It includes key information regarding taster days, how children are taught, looked after, uniform, transport, and some key contacts. There will also be several links to key information.

### Will you still be visiting my child's primary school?

We work very closely with all our feeder primary schools and have been fortunate enough to be able to visit many children in their primary setting and will continue to do so where possible. Where we are unable to do face-to-face visits, we have had TEAMS/ Zoom and telephone conversations as well as email conversations so we can find out as much about your child as possible.

### Are Taster Days still going ahead?

We are very pleased to let you know all children transferring to Eckington school will be invited to take part in a taster day. However, we have had to make significant changes to our original plans to meet DfE expectations regarding 'bubbles'.

- All Year 6 children will now have one taster day, as the plan below:

Date	School
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> July	Killamarsh St Giles
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> July	Eckington Camms
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> July	Eckington Juniors
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> July	Ridgeway
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> July	Killamarsh Juniors
Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> July	Renishaw
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> July	Mosborough
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> July	Marsh Lane
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> July	All other non feeders

- The day will begin at 8.40am and end at 2.30pm.
- All children will remain in 'bubbles' within their primary school apart from the non-feeder schools (excluding Mosborough Primary). Those schools sending us between 1-5 children will need to be grouped together. The day will be spent within their bubbles and there will be no opportunity for the bubbles to mix or for them to see older friends or family.
- Year 6 children attending from Killamarsh Juniors, St Giles, Renishaw, and Ridgeway will be transported from and back to their primary school by coach. Primary schools will provide you with further details, including the time of





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departure. Children attending from all other schools must make their own way to school.

- All non-feeder children, including Mosborough Primary have been sent a 'Visit form 4/5' sheet. This must be completed and returned for children to be able to take part in the Taster Day. Please contact us if require another copy.
- They should bring a pen, pencil, and ruler. They may want to bring a bag to put things in and if they are not wearing trainers they should bring some sports shoes, so they are able do PE if it is on their timetable for the day.
- Students will be asked to follow our COVID preventative measures, including increased handwashing, use of hand sanitiser, strict seating plans, wiping down classroom tables after use, one-way movement system, and separate social time locations.
- They should wear their normal school uniform.
- Each group will be supported by two Year 7 students who will form part of their bubble for the day.
- All children will be provided with a complimentary school meal. If they wish to bring a packed lunch or a snack for break time, they are welcome to do so.
- Children must make their way home at 2.30pm and will not be able to wait on site for older siblings or friends or use school transport to travel to and from Eckington School.

### **What if I have concerns about my child and how they will cope with the move to Eckington School?**

Please make sure you have a look at the pre-recorded information evening. If you have anything you wish to share/ discuss regarding your child, get in touch with one of the key contacts.

### **When will we find out what tutor group my child is in?**

In the very near future, we will be making decisions regarding what tutor group your child is in and the language they will be studying. We cannot guarantee they will be in a form with their best friend, but we will do our utmost to ensure they are in a class with someone they know. We hope to be able to inform of you this by postal letter by the 20<sup>th</sup> July.

We are sorry we have been unable to meet with you, but we are very much looking forward to meeting your child on their taster day.

Yours faithfully  
Mrs R Price  
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