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Dear Parents/Carers

I am writing today to introduce myself and also give you some reassurance at this very challenging time. I hope you and your family are keeping well. I realise that each day presents a new challenge and some are smoother than others.

As Head of Year 7 it is my privilege to welcome you to Plymstock School. At this time, we would usually be completing school visits and transition days. However, this year will be very different. At this time, due to the pandemic, I am writing to reassure you that we will ensure your child transitions to secondary school in the smoothest way possible. It is an exciting new journey that they are about to embark on and I know that not only are they ready for the challenge ahead, but they are probably looking forward to being back at school!

At this time, we are beginning to put together some virtual resources for you to access and a dedicated webpage on our school website. This will not only introduce some staff, but also aspects of school life to help your child plan for becoming a Plymstock School student. I have made an online video as way of introduction. It covers many aspects of my usual introduction to the students and I hope you might have a look with your child. The link is: <https://youtu.be/MGRk1zTwD9c>

We are also putting together a Transition 2020 web page, please keep an eye on our website. I want to reassure you that we are here to support you and your child and are excited to embark on the next chapter of their education. When planning for the future there are some aspects you may wish to start considering, one of which is school uniform. This year is significantly different to previous years and we are currently working to ensure that online orders are facilitated. The Uniform Shop are working on a click and collect facility for customers. They have also provided us with guides on sizes and fits for the required Plymstock uniform items.

The links are below:

- > <https://www.trutex.com/tips-and-tricks/size-guides.html>
- > <https://www.davidluke.com/for-parents/how-to-measure-your-child-school-uniform>
- > http://www.bluemaxbanner.co.uk/size-guide-artsizeguide_default/

They are hoping to provide a Year 7 'offer pack' and the full details will be released as soon as possible. There are many parts of the uniform, including Shirts, skirts, trousers, socks, shoes etc, that can be bought from any stockist or supermarket. Please do check the following link on our website that details our full uniform policy. <https://plymstockschool.org.uk/uniform/>

We are currently putting together a transition booklet that will provide some fun activities to begin thinking about the changes that come with moving to secondary school. This will be sent out shortly.

I hope you are enjoying this time at home making memories as a family.

I wish you a warm welcome as the Plymstock School Year 7 class of 2020 and am looking forward to meeting you all very soon.

Please take care and stay safe.

Yours faithfully



Mrs Miranda Kirk
HEAD OF YEAR 7