



11 June 2020

Updates and Information for Year 6 parents

Fox Cove:

Unfortunately, in line with this current DfE guidance, we have reluctantly taken the decision to cancel our much loved, annual Fox Cove Induction Residential, planned for the second week of the autumn term. We still await full guidance on how schools will open in September and under what conditions we may operate but at this stage all residentials are cancelled. We are considering on site alternatives and how we could actively support your son or daughter joining Plymstock School.

Parents should make no further payments using our Parent Pay service.

Refunds for monies paid for this activity will be refunded by Parent Pay by the end of June. Please wait until after 30 June to contact school if you have not received any monies paid; thank you. Contact information is: finance@plymstockschool.org.uk

Initial Data Pack/Support with Transition Paperwork/General Questions

If you received an initial data pack that was sent out in March, prior to the school closures, please return the required information in the pre-paid envelope to Plymstock School. If you require any support with this information please contact our Office Manager: Mrs Sharon Cambridge, email: scambridge@plymstockschool.org.uk . Sharon oversees and supports the administration of our transition process with Mrs Kirk and will be happy to support any enquiries you may have.

Transition webpage for Year 7 cohort 2020

This virtual transition webpage is now live and has been designed to support all our Year 6 students, parents and carers joining Plymstock School. You will find the page using this link: <https://plymstockschool.org.uk/plymstock-transition-year-7-2020/>

It includes all of our key information that has been sent home, parent letters, video introductions from Mrs Kirk and Mr Chivers and a new 'Virtual Tour'. We are adding to this

page as the weeks move by with additional videos to support your understanding of both our site and to meet our staff.

Since our original post before half term, we have updated the page with a fabulous Plymstock School video produced by Gareth Allen, Managing Director, Sound View Media Limited. It's a fantastic video with some superb aerial shots of the school, we hope you enjoy the video as much as we do and it will help you learn a little more about the site. The link to the video:

<https://player.vimeo.com/video/425063216>

Have a safe and enjoyable time back at primary school. We hope to see you soon when restrictions allow.

The Plymstock School Library/Literacy

Miss Burgess, Head of English, Miss Hogben and Mrs Oakley, our Literacy Coordinator have been busy looking at ways we can promote and support both reading and literacy at home.

Miss Hogben has created a video for Year 6 students which will incorporate weekly readings for students, the link is below:

<https://sites.google.com/plymstockschool.co.uk/library/welcome-year-6>

Mrs Oakley has also now published her '**Plymstock Lockdown Literacy Challenge**' which is also fantastic:

<https://sites.google.com/plymstockschool.co.uk/library/home>

The link to our virtual website:

<https://sites.google.com/plymstockschool.co.uk/library/home>

The Transition Team

When we know more, we will let you know how and when and under what conditions we will be able to welcome your child for their on-site induction to Plymstock School.

For the remainder of this term a dedicated team of staff will continue to work with both your son and daughter's primary school and you, as parents/carers, to ensure we learn as much as we can about your child to support them joining Plymstock School.

Our Year 7 transition team are:

- Mrs Kirk, Head of Year 7: mkirk@plymstockschool.org.uk
- Mr Chivers, Assistant Head of Year 7: pchivers@plymstockschool.org.uk
- Mrs Summers, SENCO: tsummers@plymstockschool.org.uk
- Mrs Fenwick, Assistant SENCO: kfenwick@plymstockschool.org.uk

Staying in touch – The Plymstock School Blog

Please keep an eye on the Plymstock School website news feed using this link: <https://plymstockschool.org.uk/news/> and our Twitter account @PlymstockS. We will post updates on these as well as direct communication with you as and when further information is known.

You may also enjoy reading our weekly school blog. Here is the link:

<https://plymstockschool.org.uk/headteachers-blog/>

There are editions going back over the last 18 months, and it will give you and your son or daughter information on the many and varied activities that traditionally take place each year.

Teaching and Learning

We will update you again when we, hopefully, know more from the DfE but we will continue to implement plans to support you and your child on joining Plymstock School in September. Mrs Duff, Assistant Headteacher, Director of Learning for Years 7-9 will oversee this process. For now, I wish to reassure you that our teachers and staff will be actively planning in the months ahead to support your child's learning in September.