



July 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

I hope you and your family are keeping well. I am writing with an update to provide you with the most current information and planning that we are completing for September. I hope that this information will also serve to answer any questions that you have at this time.

We are planning that students will begin their school year at Plymstock Secondary School on 7 September 2020. They will need to be at school before 8.40am, but please do not arrive prior to 8.25am. Students should arrive at school walking down the footpath at the side of the drive and entering the Blue Plymstock School entrance across from the roundabout, as shown in the virtual tour. There will be teachers to greet the students and direct them to the correct location. Unfortunately, we cannot allow parents to come onto the school site; please could you ensure that you are dropping your child off in a safely agreed space outside of school. Parents will not be able to drive or enter the school site unless this has been previously arranged with the SEN team. Students will complete a range of activities on their first day which will include an assembly, individual photos, school logins to email, a quiz, and a tour.

Uniform- Students will be wearing full school uniform as detailed in the parent information booklet. Please continue to purchase this as you usually would for September. Please ensure all items of uniform are named, as you can appreciate it is very difficult to reunite items that have been lost if they cannot be correctly identified. If you have any queries about the school uniform, please do check the school website.

<https://plymstockschool.org.uk/uniform/>

Tutor Groups- Each student will find out their Tutor in September on their first day at school. There are twelve tutor groups and they will be based in a 'Year 7' group bubble, to comply with the Government's guidance for the reopening of schools in September. On their first day students will work with their tutor. After this the students will remain in their 'Year 7' group Bubble for lessons, with teachers moving to the lesson rather than the student. This should alleviate the stress of not knowing how to get around the school site.

Fox Cove- Has been cancelled as an overnight trip, however we are currently planning to complete some tutor based onsite teambuilding activities in the second week of the school term. These activities will be during the normal school day on the fields on the school site. We will be ensuring we conform to strict sanitisation and social distancing measures. This will be a short day programme based with the Tutor. More information will follow closer to the start of term.

I hope you have had an opportunity to browse the extensive transition website which includes all transition information and some informative online videos from the Year 7 team. Please continue to check the website for the most up to date information.

<https://plymstockschool.org.uk/plymstock-transition-year-7-2020/>

We have put together a transition booklet that will provide some fun activities to complete during the summer break. This is not a compulsory task and should be an activity to start thinking of the transition to secondary school. At the end of the booklet, there is a 'My Best Work' written piece to complete. We would appreciate, if possible, if this task is completed and brought into school on the 7 September. Please ensure it is named.

<https://plymstockschool.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/Transition-Student-Booklet-2020.pdf>

I hope you enjoy your summer break and I look forward to meeting you all in September. Please take care and stay safe.

Yours faithfully



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