April 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

The Governing Body are pleased to inform you that a place has been reserved for your child at St Nicholas Catholic High School for the term beginning **Thursday 3rd September 2020.**

Leaving primary school and beginning secondary school is a big step and I assure you that we will do all we can to ensure that your child settles in quickly at St Nicholas’. This year, transition for all schools will look and feel a little different given the Coronavirus pandemic, but we will look to communicate with you on a regular basis and will amend our planned activities as required in response to advice from the Department for Education and the Local Authority.

We place great value upon good relations between yourselves and the school and to this end we are planning a New Intake **Parents’ and Carers Information Evening on** **Monday 29th June at 6.00pm.** This is an opportunity to find out more about school life, the curriculum, school uniform, procedures and standards and we will look to confirm this event as soon as practically possible.

Given that all schools are currently closed across the country, there will I’m sure be many questions that you wish to have answered. To assist with this, we have set up a dedicated school email address for any questions related to transition from Year 6 to Year 7 – **transitions@st-nicholas.cheshire.sch.uk**. Please do email any questions you have through to this address and we will respond as soon as practically possible.

We will also post a Frequently Asked Questions document on our dedicated Transition Page of our school website - <https://st-nicholas.cheshire.sch.uk/transition-to-st-nicholas/>. We will update this document regularly as new questions are asked of us, and we would ask that you consult this document before you email into school, as your question may have already been asked and answered.

Furthermore, please find enclosed with this letter the following correspondence:

* A Year 7 Welcome Booklet
* A ParentPay letter containing personalised login and password details. Please register with ParentPay using this login by 31st May 2020.

Next week, we will send to you via email, a suite of additional letters that require your attention and a response online.

* **Letter A – Transport**

This will outline the various bus routes that operate to and from St Nicholas. Instructions will be given that enable you to access an online form and indicate your requirements.

* **Letter B – Admissions Information Form**

This will allow you to provide school with essential information regarding your child via our online portal.

* **Letter C - Music Tuition**

This will give further details of how you can access additional instrumental and singing tuition here at St Nicholas.

* **Letter D - Year 7 Residential letter**

This will outline arrangements for the Year 7 residential experience in January 2021.

I know that many of you will want to secure your new school uniform as soon as possible and as I write this letter our chosen supplier, Uniformity in Chester, is closed due to the Coronavirus pandemic. Details of our school uniform can be found in the Welcome Booklet attached with this letter, on our school website, and Uniformity’s website <http://www.uniformityschools.com/schools/st-nicholas-catholic-high-school>. I will update you regarding the ‘trying on’ of school uniform items here at school and at Uniformity as the national picture progresses.

I have attached to this letter, the key transition events that we have planned for the Summer Pentecost Term. We will, however, need to review these dates in the light of ongoing Government guidance and we will update you as soon as practically possible.

We very much look forward to welcoming your child to the St Nicholas family.

Yours sincerely

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**Mr Richard Woods**

Headteacher

KEY TRANSITION DATES FOR THE SUMMER PENTECOST TERM

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| Year 6 Primary Visits for **St Bede’s and St Luke’s** | Thursday 11th June  |
| Year 6 Primary Visits for **St Joseph’s**  | Friday 12th June  |
| Year 6 Primary Visits for **St Wilfrid’s**  | Tuesday 16th June  |
| Year 6 Primary Visits for **St Mary’s and St Vincent’s** | Wednesday 17th June  |
| Year 6 Primary Visits for **Non Partner Primary Schools** | Thursday 18th June |
| Visit for **all the Primary Schools** | Friday 19th June |
| Summer Disco for **all the Primary Schools** | Friday 26th June 6.30-8pm |
| New Parents’ Information Evening for **all Parents** | Monday 29th June 6pm |

We will confirm if we are able to proceed with these events following national advice from the Government.