April 2021

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 **Friday 3rd September 2021.**

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 may look and feel a little different given the Coronavirus pandemic, but we will look to communicate with you on a regular basis and very much hope to be in a position to welcome Year 6 students onto site before the Summer break.

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** **Tuesday 22nd 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.

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

After Easter, 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.

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 <https://www.uniformityschools.com/collections/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.

If you have any questions or enquiries in the meantime, please email transitions@st-nicholas.cheshire.sch.uk

Yours sincerely

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**Mr Richard Woods**Headteacher