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Dear Parents/Carers

### **Important Notice**

As you may be aware, the next planned teacher strike action days have been set as **5 July and 7 July**. This has meant that the planned Year 6 Transition Day across the Rugby area has had to be moved. The date this has been changed to in Rugby is 10 July which unfortunately clashes with the Houlton School Curriculum Enrichment Week. During this week the majority of our staff and pupils are out of school on residential trips. **We have therefore rescheduled our Year 6 Transition event to Tuesday 18 July** where we will be inviting all Year 6 pupils joining us in September to come to Houlton for their transition day.

All pupils joining Houlton School in Year 7 will also have an additional day of transition on the first day of term in September as detailed below.

### **Transition Day Tuesday 18 July**

Welcome to our Houlton family! We are delighted that your child has secured a place to join us in September. We are proud of the culture that we have created at Houlton School and look forward to supporting your child in their transition to becoming part of the third ever cohort of pupils to join us. We have been busy visiting all our new pupils in their primary settings over the past few weeks and have been delighted by the enthusiasm and excitement pupils are feeling about the next steps in their educational journey. We understand that the transition process can, however, be an anxious time for some pupils and we hope that our visits have helped alleviate any initial worries or concerns that your child may have.

As part of the transition process, on **Tuesday 18 July** we are delighted to invite all Year 6 pupils who are joining us in September to the first of our Year 6 Transition Days. This will be a chance for your child to familiarise themselves with the school prior to joining us in September, to meet staff and to get to know some of their new peers. The day will consist of a variety of team building activities to support pupils in their transition along with a variety of 'secondary style' taster lessons to give pupils a flavour of what learning will be like in September. There will be plenty of opportunities on the day to ask questions, to find out about the site, and to get used to navigating a campus style school.

Your child will be placed in one of our six colleges for the transition day. This will be provisional and subject to change but will give everyone a chance to get to know pupils both currently at the school and from other local primary settings.



**Pupils should wear their normal primary school uniform for the transition day** and will need to bring a bag containing a refillable water bottle and a pencil case, pen, pencil, eraser and ruler.

The Houlton School day starts at 8.30am. **Parents/carers will need to drop pupils off no later than 8.30am on Tuesday 18 July.** Currently parking is available on site and Houlton School staff will be available to greet pupils from 8.15am at the gates at the front of the school. **Pupils will need to be collected at 3.10pm.**

All Year 6 pupils will be provided with lunch on Transition Day free of charge. This will consist of a choice of Power Hall Meal Deal which includes a hot meal (vegetarian option available), dessert, and drink. Please complete the Google Form below to indicate your child's meal choice for the day. If your child has any specific dietary requirements or allergies, please let us know on the link, or by contacting [hello@houltonschool.org.uk](mailto:hello@houltonschool.org.uk) and we can ensure these are catered for.

<https://forms.gle/9WdzXngXk Jr9dyfZ8>

### **Young Warrior 'Secondary Ready' Transition Day – Wednesday 6 September**

As part of our ongoing transition work, we will welcome Year 7 only on **Wednesday 6 September** for our second transition event which will be focused on the key skills required for secondary education. The day will begin with a welcome assembly and be followed by several carousel activities provided by Dale Hancock's Young Life Warrior / Big School Life Training team who will deliver a 'secondary ready' activity day. The activities will be focused on building resilience, developing confidence and reducing some of the anxieties around transition. Pupils will be working in their college groups for the day along with their tutors and external providers. Further details will be sent to all parents / carers prior to the start of term.



### **Welcome Evening for Parents/Carers – Thursday 6 July 2022**

Finally, we would like to invite a maximum of two parents/carers to our 'Welcome to Houlton' evening on **Thursday 6 July**. This will be a chance for parents/carers of our new Year 6 to find out more information about Houlton School and our arrangements for September.

**Parents/Carers of pupils with surnames A-K: 5.45-6.30pm**

**Parents/Carers of pupils with surnames L-Z: 6.45-7.30pm**

If you have any questions prior to the transition day, please do not hesitate to get in touch. We look forward to meeting you soon.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Chloe Buckenham'.

**Chloe Buckenham**  
Vice Principal