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Dear Parents/Carers

Transition Day: Tuesday 16 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 fourth 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 16 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 a **temporary** group of 30 pupils for the transition day. Final college groups will be given out on our second transition day in September. This will give your child a chance to get to know pupils both currently at the school and from other local primary settings and for us as staff to ensure to observe pupils and then ensure that all our new pupils are placed in the most appropriate college in September.

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 16 July.** 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 and we can ensure these are catered for.

<https://forms.gle/5KTeCf2JpF65RRsG6>

Young Warrior 'Secondary Ready' Transition Day – Wednesday 4 September 2024

As part of our ongoing transition work, we will welcome Year 7 only on **Wednesday 4 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 final 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 – Tuesday 16 July 2024

Finally, we would like to invite a maximum of two parents/carers to our 'Welcome to Houlton' evening on **Tuesday 16 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.

Parent of Pupils with surnames A-J: 5:15-6:00pm

Pupils with surnames K-Z: 6:15-7:00pm

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