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11 June 2021

Dear Parents and Carers

Changes to Transition arrangements for 2021/22 - Portchester Community School

Congratulations on being allocated a place at Portchester Community School for September 2021. At Portchester, we aspire to be the most vibrant, creative and successful school we can be. On 26 May 2021, the school achieved the National SMSC Quality Mark Gold Award in recognition of its great work. The external verifier specifically highlighted:

- 'The importance of all students achieving the best possible qualifications and that students develop inclusive, caring and positive values is evident throughout the school.'
- 'Inclusivity, recognising and celebrating diversity is a hallmark of the school.'
- 'The staff are clearly passionately committed to improving the learning and life chances of all students.'

It is a really exciting time at Portchester Community School as we plan for the next cohort of students and parents. As a parent myself, I recognise the importance of this decision and I know that the transition to secondary school is a major change.

We work closely with each of our cluster schools and aim to make the transition process as smooth as possible. Key staff will be visiting the primary schools this half term. They are:

- Miss Grew – Assistant Headteacher.
- Mr Shaul – Head of Year 7.
- Mrs Kingston – Pastoral Assistant for Year 7.
- Miss Barney – Assistant SENCo.

New information regarding dates and visits

Wednesday 23 June 2021 – Informal Transition Evening – cancelled.

In light of the potential changes to lockdown arrangements that are due to be announced by the Prime Minister on 21 June 2021, I have decided to cancel the planned Informal Evening on Wednesday 23 June 2021. Due to the overwhelming response to the evening, I am concerned that social distancing measures could not be securely maintained. The information that was due to be shared on that evening will be emailed to you and placed on the school website for reference.

Should you have any questions after reading the information, please email office@portchester.hants.sch.uk.

Remaining Dates

- **Wednesday 7 July 2021 – Transition Day for Year 6**


All new Year 7 students will visit us here at the school for the day. Students should arrive in the school hall for a prompt start at 8.40 am. We expect students to wear their current Year 6 uniform. They will

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also need to bring writing equipment for the day, a packed lunch and drink and trainers to change into. Our catering company, 'Radish', will be providing a free snack and drink at first break.

- **Wednesday 7 July 2021 – Transition Evening for Parents (starting at 5.00 pm)**

Your child and one adult are invited to attend this essential opportunity to meet the Year Leader, Pastoral Assistant, SEN Team and members of the school's Senior Leadership Team.

We will be using three large spaces in the school for paired tutor groups to meet with key staff. On arrival, you will be directed to your designated space.

Unfortunately, uniform will not be on sale during this event. Uniform is available via Skoolkit's website: www.skoolkit.co.uk or by visiting their Fareham store.

- A small number of students and parents have requested after school tours of the school or would like to meet a member of the Senior Leadership Team or SEN Team, prior to the Transition Day. Should you wish to make an appointment, please call the school on 023 9236 4399.
- Students will also be receiving 'Welcome Postcards' from their form tutors and link LSAs in the post very soon.

Student Information Forms

Please click the link below to complete your confidential data collection form.

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=nmt9kvSQcEqfP6Sn6ltdd6JUcvtJ4-IKtnRbjY2XwegUQo1YUoZVSk45QkxPQk5ZSUozSVc2WEJFSS4u>

Parents and carers must complete this carefully to ensure contact information, medical requirements and any other special information is used accurately to support your child while here at Portchester Community School.

Please complete this form by Wednesday 7 July 2021.

Arrangements for the first day in September 2021

The first day of the new academic year is Thursday 2 September 2021. This is a staff training day.

The first day for new Year 7 and Year 11 students will be Friday 3 September 2021.

Year 7 students will need to arrive in the school hall by 8.40 am, in full school uniform, to meet their tutors and have a welcome assembly.

Please take some time to browse the school's website for more detailed information about the school and follow events on the school's Twitter feed on @PCSIInformation.

We are looking forward to meeting you soon.

Yours sincerely

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