

June 2021

Dear Parent/Carer,

We wish you a very warm welcome to our school and hope you and your family are safe and well.

Transition into secondary school, although exciting, can be an anxious time, and particularly so at this unprecedented time. We hope to allay any nerves and help make the transition from primary as smooth as possible.

Included with this letter is a range of information that will help your child make a successful transition to Beacon Hill Community School. You will also find various forms to be completed and returned to school before 29th June.

At this time of year, we offer students the opportunity to visit the school and experience a little time at Beacon Hill prior to starting in September. This experience helps them to familiarise themselves with the timings of the day, new teachers, lunchtime routines as well as meeting for the first time some of their new classmates. This year we will be putting on a four-day programme for transition starting on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> July and finishing on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> July, subject to the national roadmap moving forwards as hoped.

We recognise the importance of transition, particularly this year, and as such are seeking to put on this comprehensive transition package, while also giving students the opportunity to return back to their own schools for the final week of term to say their goodbyes.

We plan to teach a range of bespoke bridging units, where work completed can then be continued on into Y7. The Thursday will be a project style day, where students can further develop social and group work skills as well as some practical skills. We hope this is of particular value to the students given the recent lockdowns.

For those unable to attend this provision we would like to offer you the opportunity to meet with a member of the senior leadership team and your child's new form tutor before the end of the term. They can answer questions, show you round and help to ease any concerns. Please call the school office to arrange a time to visit during the week beginning 29th June, if you would like to take this opportunity.

We have stringent safety procedures in place, including social distancing, and would like to reassure you that the safety of yourself, your child and our staff is our priority at all times.

For those students coming to Beacon Hill to start on the 5<sup>th</sup> July. A few reminders:

- School will start at 8:45am and finish at 3:15pm. A staff member from Beacon Hill will be outside reception on the first day to direct you to your entrance and exit for the day.

- Parents/carers, please ensure that only your child comes on to school premises and make arrangements to meet them off school premises at 3.15pm.
- Students will be working in 'bubbles' throughout transition.
- Students should attend in their normal school uniform.
- School meals can be provided, they cost £2.00 for a meal and £2.50 meal deal with drink or desert. During morning break, it is also possible to buy a snack for £1.00. If you are intending on buying a school lunch, please contact our school office to let them know, so we can cater for the extra meals that week.
- When completing PE days please bring with you what you would normally wear for PE in your own school, in a bag to change into. There will be some PE on the first day.

If you would like your child to arrive to school using the school service bus during the transition days, this will be possible. You can contact Ellenvale, 016973 22244 for the details of their collection and drop off times.

We are sure you will be excited to procure your new school uniforms. This can be done through West Lakes Embroidery in Maryport (01900 817799). They will be opening their diary on 21<sup>st</sup> June for appointments and fittings to commence from the 5<sup>th</sup> July. Please be aware orders will need to be in before the summer break.

As always, the staff at Beacon Hill are very excited to welcome you to our, and now your, school. We all hope to make your time at Beacon Hill productive, positive and memorable. If you have any queries, please don't hesitate to make contact with the school office.

The first day of the new term will be Thursday 2nd September. We look forward to welcoming all the new Y7 students at 8:40am.

Yours faithfully,



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