

Dear Parent/Guardian

I do hope this letter finds you and your families well. The purpose of this letter is to update you on the Induction Events that will be taking place in July. We are determined to do everything we can to help prepare Year 6 for a successful transition to Saint Benedict Catholic School and these events will form the core of our work.

Year 6 Induction Days

These will take place on **Tuesday 5th, Wednesday 6th and Thursday 7th July** and will give the students an opportunity to familiarise themselves with Saint Benedict School and start to meet some of the staff they will work with next year.

We have a carefully planned series of activities that will allow your child to experience as much as possible within these three days. They will spend a large proportion of their time with their form tutor and therefore if you have any specific questions, please direct these to them via email in the first instance.

Timing of the day – 8.35am-3.00pm

Pupils are asked to arrive at school for **8.35am** where they will be welcomed by their form tutor and escorted to our morning meeting area, which is the Astroturf. From here, they will line up in their new tutor groups and be welcomed by the Headteacher and their Head of Year Mrs Best before starting the day of tutor led activities. The following two days will consist of more time with their form tutor, alongside a variety of lessons and wider school experiences such as the whole school show. We will be working together over the three days to prepare the pupils for their very first Year Group Mass, which will take place at the end of the final day.

Students should wear their Primary School Uniform on both days, with footwear that would be appropriate when taking part in active group work. They should also bring their pencil case with them as well as a water bottle. Mobile Phones are not allowed at Saint Benedict School, if students bring them with them, they should be turned off and at the bottom of their bag.

Traveling to school

By Bus - Pupils can travel to school via the designated school bus should they wish. The timetables for all of our buses can be accessed within the transition packs you have received recently. Pupils will **travel free** on these three days. Pupils must be wearing their current school uniform and simply state that they are Year 6 when catching the bus. Those traveling on the school buses will be met directly from the bus and directed to the Astroturf.

By Car - If you are arriving by car, please drop children off on the left-hand side of the drive as you approach the bus bays. Parents can then turn back around in the bus bay area and head back down the drive offsite. **Please do not wait on the bus bays in cars** as this will be busy and space is required for the buses entering.

Walking/Cycling - If you are arriving by foot or on bike, please make your way to the bus bays where staff will be able to direct you onwards to the meeting location.



There are videos available of the school transition page to help familiarise yourself with the arrival routines. [Transition Information](#)

Lunchtime/Money

At lunchtime and break time students will be able to bring a packed lunch or purchase food from a range of options from our canteen. Free School Meals will be provided for those students who are eligible. If your child would like to purchase food at lunchtime, then parents will need to activate your ScoPay Account using the details provided in your welcome pack. Details of our menu can be found on the school website. Meal deals, which include a hot meal and dessert, are currently priced at £1.58. [Lunch Menus](#)

Collection at end of the day

If you are collecting your child from school at the end of the school day, please be aware that the school gates remain closed until 3.15pm to allow time for the buses to leave site safely. Parents are asked to remain outside of the school gates until this time. Pupils will be permitted to leave once the school buses are safely off site.

We do understand that this is an important event for Year 6, and you should be reassured that there will be staff and older students available throughout the day to make sure that it runs smoothly for everyone.

Year 6 Parents Welcome Evening – Monday 11th July 2022 6pm-7.30pm

This will take place in school on the evening of Monday 11th of July – starting at 6pm in the Robert Ludlham Theatre. During the evening parents will have a presentation from the Headteacher, and the Year 7 Pastoral Team and an opportunity for you to meet your child's form tutor. The form tutors' presentations will take place in our classrooms to provide you with the opportunity to speak with them and ask any questions you may have in a smaller setting.

Please note that this event is for parents and carers only, not students.

Data Collection - Important please complete.

In order for us to be fully ready for September, it is important that we collect all of the confidential data that we need to be able to communicate with you next year and to ensure that we have all of the information we need to support your child. If you have not yet had the opportunity to complete the relevant data collection form please can we ask that you do so by Friday 1st July. The easiest way to complete this form is to use the online questionnaire, which can be easily accessed by [Click Here](#) or by scanning the QR code below on a smart phone. If you are unable to access this data collection form, please contact the school office and we will be able to send a paper version for you to complete.



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Summer School Plans – Week Beginning 22nd August

We are excited to announce that we are planning to offer a Summer School for all Year 6 children during the week of 22nd – 29th August. We will be in touch towards the end of the term with more detail on how this event will run. Please can we ask parents to register your interest in this offer by completing the online form to request a place for your child on this week. Every child has a place and we require an indication of numbers at this point to be able to plan the staffing required for the week. [Click Here](#) to access the form or scan the QR code below.



Finally

We do understand what a challenging time this has been for all students, especially those who are in Year 6 and are starting to prepare for the move to secondary school. Please do be reassured that our priority is to ensure that your child is well prepared to join us in September so that they can make a seamless social and academic transition to the next phase in their education. In these uncertain times you can be reassured that we will be able to draw on the expertise across Saint Benedict School to ensure that your child is set up for success when they join us in September.

Yours sincerely

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