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Dear Parents/Carers and Year 6 pupils

It is with great sadness that I am writing to let you know that I have made the decision to cancel the Induction Day for those joining us in September which was re-scheduled to Tuesday 20th July 2021.

I have thought long and hard about this and hope that you will understand my reasons for doing this. I am very worried by the news that Coronavirus cases are rising both across the country and in our local area, and know that there have been several confirmed cases in local secondary and primary schools. Our staff and pupils at Tenbury High are twice weekly testing and so far we have been lucky to have not had any confirmed cases this year with only a few pupils isolating due to being close contacts. The induction day would bring over 100 pupils from over 20 different primary schools to mix with our 370 pupils in school – I am concerned at the risks of doing this and the possibility of pupils and staff having to isolate during the start of the summer holidays if a positive case is identified. The change in law regarding the need to isolate is not being lifted until mid-August.

I know that you will be disappointed with this news but I hope you agree with my reasoning. There are several other ways we are supporting pupils' transition and induction despite this event being cancelled. Over 90 children are booked in for the Summer School which is going ahead week commencing 23rd August – by this time, the isolation rules are due to have changed and there will be no need to isolate if you are a contact of a positive case. I will be at Summer School for 2 days and am looking forward to getting to know all the children before they start in September. In addition, Year 7 pupils will have a two day induction period on the first two days of the Autumn Term (6th and 7th September). Both opportunities will give pupils a really good basis to start the year confidently. In addition, Mr Morris (Head of Year 7) has visited many of our primary schools already and met with the majority of Year 6 pupils so lots of questions have been addressed.

Finally, you may have heard that all children will be tested as they return in September including those joining us in Year 7. The plan is that Year 7 children will be tested on Monday 6th September and Thursday 9th September – a letter giving more information and a consent form for completion and return will be sent out to you in the next couple of days.

In the meantime, I hope all Year 6 pupils enjoy the last few days in primary school and have a fabulous summer break.

If you have any queries, please contact me.

Kind regards

Vicki Dean
Principal



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