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Dear Parent/Carer

Following the most recent updates from the Government regarding educational provision, we wanted to take this opportunity to make contact with you to explain the impact this has on the transition process and the support that we will be providing for your child and family at Aston Academy.

To meet the guidelines set out by the DFE (Department for Education) all transition work this year will be completed 'virtually'. This is to ensure the health and safety of all students and staff during these uncertain times. This means the following dates will **NOT** be going ahead:

- **The out of areas additional induction day planned for Tuesday 9th June**
- **The Full Induction day on Monday 22nd June**
- **The parents meeting on Monday 22nd June**
- **Additional visits and induction opportunities on site**
- **The summer school days planned for August 27th and 28th**

The forced cancellation of these events is very disappointing, however, understandable and ultimately the health and safety of our students is the main priority at this time. Please be reassured we will do everything we can so that every child has the support they need to successfully transition from primary school to Aston Academy.

How can I access transition information and student resources?

On the school website www.astonacademy.org there is a drop down option for parents/carers. In this drop down menu there is a folder entitled 'Y7 Transition'. Within the folder there are a range of support materials for both you and your child to begin preparations for their transition to their new school. Current information and guidance still states that secondary schools should be planning for a September start; when we hope to be welcoming all Year 7 students to the Academy. The information below will hopefully start to prepare you and your child for this; ensuring they attend their first day in the correct uniform and ready to reach their full potential. In this section you will find:

Y7 School Information Booklet for parent/carers	This booklet includes key school information: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • School Mission Statement • Attendance and Punctuality • Pastoral Information • Behaviour for Learning Information • Technology Information • Communication
Aston Academy Data Pack	This booklet is to be completed and brought in with your child on the first day of the new school term. If you are unable to print this document hard copies will be available for students to bring home on the first day for you to complete and return.
Aston Academy Uniform Policy	This section includes detailed information regarding correct school uniform. Please use this document when purchasing uniform to ensure that purchased uniform meets the requirements.



All adults in school have a responsibility to safeguard and promote the welfare of children.

Aston Academy Uniform Stockist	This document includes information of where Academy uniform can be purchased.
Important School Dates 2020/2021	Term dates and inset day information.
South Yorkshire Public Transport Information	Student Bus Travel Information
Biometric Information	Details of the biometric system we use in school for lunch and food purchases.
Calculator Letter	Information about how you can purchase an exam ready Maths calculator.
Transition letter sent to you in April	For information and reference the letter sent to you in April is also available.

Within this section there is also a **work booklet for your child**. This booklet includes a range of activities for your child to complete. The booklet includes information about school, key members of staff, timetable and curriculum information and some introductory tasks. This booklet can be downloaded and printed. A copy has also been sent to all primary schools enabling students to complete some of the activities with their current class teacher.

What further transition support will be available?

To ensure you and your child have everything you need for a successful induction and start at Aston Academy, please see details below of what further support will be available:

- The Year 7 team will be making contact with all parents/carers via a telephone call to discuss any questions you may have and ensure you have everything you and your child need as we appreciate every child is different and will have differing support needs.
- A video tour and more detailed school information will be coming out to you in the next couple of weeks. This tour will show you all faculties in school and make introductions to key staff. The video will also give more detailed information about life at Aston Academy and aim to answer some of the questions you may have.
- Communication will be sent out as soon as we receive further updates from the Government to ensure you are up to date with when students will be expected in to the Academy.
- When the school year starts for Year 7 we will hold a parent/carer information evening to ensure that all key information can be explained further and provide an opportunity for you to meet with the year 7 team and ask any questions in person.
- Throughout the summer term and summer break you can still contact a member of the year 7 team at any time if you have any questions or would like to discuss any aspects of the transition process. Mr Esberger Year 7 Assistant Vice Principal chris.esberger@astonacademy.org or Ms Layden Y7 Learning Progress Manager jo.layden@astonacademy.org

We are looking forward to building a positive working relationship with you and your child over the next 5 years to ensure they are happy and successful. It is disappointing we do not get to meet with you this term, but we are available throughout this time to support with anything you may need and as soon as we welcome the students in to the Academy we will look forward to meeting you in person.

Wishing you and your families the best.

Yours Faithfully

Mr C Esberger

Assistant Vice Principal