



Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> May 2020

Dear Parent/Guardian,

## Transition into Year 7

We are delighted to welcome your child to Dane Court for what we hope will be the start of a happy and successful time at their new school.

As you will appreciate, the current situation means that we are having to organise our transition programme very differently this year and you will be contacted in Term 6 with further details of this. By now, we would normally have started our transition visits to primary schools. During these visits we meet our new Year 7 students, answer any questions that they may have and hand out our Year 7 booklet. As we have not been able to do this, I have attached a copy of the Year 7 booklet to this e-mail so that you and your child can begin to learn a bit more about the school. In the booklet, you will find lots of information covering a whole range of topics, including our House structure; uniform; school meals; behaviour and conduct; and homework, to name but a few. We hope that this provides both you and your child with key information that you need and will answer some of the questions that you both may have. I have also attached a copy of a publication entitled *Coping with unexpected endings and loss* from the Anna Freud National Centre for Children and Families which will hopefully be helpful to you at this time.

These are very different times for us all and we would much rather be able to carry out our transition programme in the usual way. Please rest assured, however, that we will do all that we can to help your child to settle in to Dane Court as successfully and smoothly as possible and, with this in mind, please feel free to contact us at school (details below) if you feel that there is anything that we need to know to help us in this endeavour.

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I look forward to meeting you and your child in the not too distant future. Until then, I wish you a happy and healthy half-term break.

With very best wishes,

Steve Sunderland  
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