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Dear Parent/Carer

Welcome to the Weavers Academy community. With the allocation of school places recently being confirmed, we wanted to communicate with you as quickly as possible to reassure you that we are already giving the transition arrangements our fullest attention. We are determined to ensure the transition from Year 6 to Year 7 will be a positive experience and will fully meet your child's academic, learning and personal development needs so that when we get to September, they are confident and looking forward to joining the Weavers community.

It is an exciting time for all students moving up to secondary school and everyone at Weavers Academy will be working hard to ensure that the experience is rewarding for all involved.

Firstly, we would like to wish your child a warm welcome to the school and to explain the arrangements for the secondary transfer process to make sure everyone is prepared as possible.

An important figure throughout the process will be our Transition Leader for Year 7, Mr Mawby, who leads the entire process so will become a familiar welcoming face to your child as they begin their journey with us.

Mr Mawby and his team will be making as much contact as possible with students through a variety of means. Visits will take place in person to students in their primary schools throughout May and June. This will give us an opportunity to meet your child and provide them with a glimpse into what life is like at Weavers Academy. We also look forward to talking to your child's Year 6 teachers so that we can gather as much information as possible so that we can organise teaching, learning and pastoral care to make sure all students who join us can flourish.

Your child will participate in two induction days giving them a valuable opportunity to visit the school and familiarise themselves with the site, to spend time with members of their new form and to meet their form tutor. The induction days will be based around team-building activities and taster lessons where they will be able to meet and familiarise themselves with many of the staff at Weavers. These visits are scheduled to take place on Monday 4 and Tuesday 5 July 9.00 am – 2.10 pm. These days are Wellingborough-wide induction days so that all Year 6 students will visit their new schools.

We also hope you will be able to join us at Weavers for our 'Parents Only' Induction Evening on Thursday 30th June; this is a really important opportunity for you to meet form tutors and other key staff. More information will go out regarding this event nearer the time. If these arrangements change due to COVID restrictions, we will run these meetings through our online meeting systems which have been working very well this year.

To help support a smooth transition we ask that you complete all the information forms on the link below as soon as possible; if you have already completed these forms on Edulink there is no need to do them again.

<https://www.weaversacademy.org.uk/transition-forms>

I would like to take this opportunity to emphasise just how important these medical and personal information forms are. If your child should be taken ill or is injured whilst at school, it is vital that we are able to contact a parent/carer during the working day. If this is not possible, then the name of a relative, friend or neighbour who could take responsibility for your child is required. If we do not receive this information by 20 June 2022, we reserve the right to withdraw your child's place for the transition days as it means we cannot secure their safety while they are with us on site.

Email addresses are also vital as a means of communicating with parents, so please also include a working email address. We endeavour to send most letters and our newsletter via email as this reduces costs and is also beneficial to the environment.

The personal details form asks you to indicate who has parental responsibility for your child as defined by the "Children Act" (1989). This status is quite separate from issues of residency.

Further explanation of GDPR Compliant Privacy Notices of how data can be used can be found on the Weavers' website.

Please see our website **www.weaversacademy.org.uk** for our Uniform Policy and the link to our online shop with Price and Buckland, our uniform suppliers, and information regarding ordering ready for September.

We have created a dedicated email address so that you can easily communicate with us. Mr Mawby, Transition Leader, plus other senior staff will respond to any questions that you may have as soon as possible. The address is:

transition@weaversacademy.org.uk

To help our students settle in quickly and become excited about being part of the Weavers community we are running a team-building outdoor adventure day trip for every tutor group in September. The letter for this trip will be emailed at a closer date and will have the organisational and financial details required. It is so important that all students attend this trip to ensure they bond well and maximise their transition into Weavers. If you believe you require financial assistance for your child to participate in

this important activity details about accessing the support available will also be included in the letter.

We are all looking forward to meeting both you and your child and to establishing a close partnership working throughout transition and beyond.

Yours sincerely



Mr Jon Hunt
Acting Principal



Mr Ross Mawby
Transition Leader

