

Dear Parent/Carer,

Transition to St. Bede's Catholic School and Sixth Form College

On behalf of everyone at St. Bede's Catholic School and Sixth Form College, I hope that this letter finds you and your loved ones safe and well. May I also take this opportunity to thank you for your patience and understanding as we adapt our transition programme to safely navigate through this term.

We very much look forward to meeting your child and would like to explain the following aspects of transition support:

Transition Handbook - document including key information about school life and procedures. This will be available via the Transition section of our website at www.stbedes.durham.sch.uk.

Primary-based visits – Where possible, (Covid Risk assessments allowing), key staff will visit Partner Primary schools during the second half of the summer term to introduce children to our school arrangements and systems.

Transition challenges – Starting on Monday 7th June 2021, these challenges will be available via the Transition section of our website.

Medical Meetings – If you feel you require a meeting with the SENDCO or Medical Officer about your child's needs, please visit the Transition section of our website and complete the form via the link.

AEN Welcome Day (*Monday 23rd August 2021*) - By invitation and identified through transition information sharing. An opportunity to meet key staff and familiarise themselves with school.

Summer School (*24th August – 26th August 2021*) - All new Year 7 students will be invited to a 3-day Summer School during this week to meet key staff. There will be a range of exciting and challenging enrichment activities and the opportunity to make friends with students from the other primary schools. To express an interest, please visit the Transition section of our website and complete the form via the link.

Whilst we sincerely hope that all these support strategies can be delivered, please note that wellbeing is of paramount importance and sessions will only be delivered if it is deemed safe to do so.

Uniform

Within the Transition Handbook, you will find information outlining the uniform requirements for September 2021. You will also find guidance on accessing the supplier's website where you can find advice on measuring your child and making your purchase. Unfortunately, due

to current restrictions, we are unable to provide an opportunity within school for your child to try on a uniform.

Please do not hesitate to contact the school if you have any queries, using the dedicated transition email address transition@stbedes.durham.sch.uk

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'N. Harrison'.

Mr N. Harrison

Headteacher