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Plans for Y6 Induction

Dear Year 6 Parents/Carers,

Firstly, may I extend a warm welcome to you and your children to Farmor's. We are looking forward to seeing our new Year 7 cohort and meeting you in person.

Of course, these are not the circumstances under which we would have liked to have inducted Year 6 pupils into our school community, so we have given much thought as to how to do this in the best way possible.

Will Y6 students visit Farmor's before the holidays?

Given the continued uncertainty over schools fully returning to normal we have taken the following into account when considering Y6 students up to Farmor's:

1. What percentage of students are likely to attend?
2. Will relevant staff be available?
3. What other students will be in school?
4. Will we be able to offer a consistent experience to ALL new students?
5. Will social distancing measures negate the opportunity of a positive experience?
6. Can we ensure the safety and well-being of everyone likely to be involved?

On balance, it has been decided that we WILL NOT be inviting Year 6 students to Farmor's before the summer holidays. We thought you would want a decision on this rather than to continue with the uncertainty. You may share our disappointment about this, but we hope you understand that we want the children to have a great experience on their first day as a Farmor's student, so we would rather do it properly when circumstances allow.

What will happen in place of Induction Days?

You have already heard from Mrs Brathwaite (Admissions Manager) and Mr Hockey (Head of Year 7). Below is a timeline of the Induction Process that they have put together which we hope you will find useful. It includes everything we would normally cover during usual correspondence, New Intake Days and Parent Information Evening – it is just going to be 'virtual' rather than 'actual'. There is still uncertainty as to what schools will be like in September, but we are likely to have an Induction Day for the new Year 7s when we are able to, rather than start lessons immediately.



Date	Items	Details
Friday 5 th June	Letter from Mr Evans Virtual Tour of the school	Induction Proposals Link to a Zoom slideshow
Friday 12 th June	Student Welcome Pack Parent Information Pack	Expectations, school day FAQs
Friday 19 th June	Virtual Day in the Life of a Y7 student Head Boy & Head Girl Feature	Video link
Friday 26 th June	Allocation of Tutor Groups Meet the Tutors	Video link
Friday 3 rd July	Data Collection Letter	Parent Pay; ICT user policy
Friday 10 th July	Farmor's Research Task	Task that students can do in school if they are in or at home if not as part of Gloucestershire Y6 Induction Week
Friday 17 th July	Final Letter September Update	Updates with possible information not available at present

We have designed the above to make your child feel welcome and familiar with the people and environment that they will encounter when they physically come into school. I hope it will provide reassurance, useful information and a sense of excitement about starting secondary school.

Thank you for your understanding and support.

Yours sincerely



Matthew Evans
Headteacher