

17th June 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

In light of the Prime Minister's announcement on Monday, and the latest guidance from the Department of Education (DfE) (which we received late on Tuesday afternoon), we have had to revise our plans for our programme of induction events. Unfortunately, this means that we will not be able to host our usual Induction Evening for parents/carers or our Induction Day for new pupils in the normal way.

However, we will be inviting all pupils, **accompanied by one parent/carer**, to come into school for a number of different activities designed to familiarise our new Year 7 pupils with our school and their learning environment. This will include:

1. A brief presentation from myself;
2. A tour of the school;
3. A Question & Answer session with Marie Taylor, Head of Year 7, and Richard Bradley, Assistant Headteacher who oversees Year 7.

The session will last approximately **1 hour** (please ignore any reference to 15 minutes within the booking system, this is a default setting that we cannot change!), and will run in accordance with social distancing and all other relevant COVID-19 mitigation measures.

We will be running these induction events on the following dates:

- Tuesday 6th July
- Thursday 8th July
- Tuesday 13th July
- Thursday 15th July

The current Government guidelines mean that we can only host a maximum of 30 people together at any one time, and so we are operating a booking system, with 15 places per time slot. Please click [here](#) to access the system; you can then navigate to your preferred date, and select your chosen time slot. If you have more than one child joining us in September, you will need to book a separate place for each of them. Please note that we are only able to **accommodate one parent/carer per child**. Once you have booked your place on one of the induction events, you will receive a confirmatory email, as well as reminder the day before the event.

Given the complex logistics involved in organising these events, unfortunately we cannot be flexible with the dates/times offered. The events will run on a rolling basis, and so please do ensure that you arrive promptly as we will be unable to delay the start of any of the events. Thank you, in advance, for your understanding.

During the induction event, we will be providing your child with details of their tutor groups for September 2021.

I am delighted to confirm that the DfE is allowing our Summer School to go ahead as planned. We have been overwhelmed by the number of pupils who have taken up the offer, and this will give them a fantastic opportunity to get a feel for the school environment and meet a number of key teaching

staff. If you have not already contacted us, but would like your child to attend, please do let us know as soon as possible by emailing fjones@sweynepark.com.

In addition to the above, and in order to give our new pupils the very best opportunity to settle in and familiarise themselves with our school and their new learning environment, the first day of term, **Friday 3rd September, will be exclusively for our new Year 7 pupils** (and the Year 12 students joining our Sixth Form). This will give them the chance to spend time with their tutor, enjoy a formal induction day, and get to know the school before the rest of the pupils return to school on Monday 6th September.

I am truly sorry that the Government restrictions mean we cannot host our usual programme of induction events, but I am confident that this new model will still provide you and your child with an opportunity to visit Sweyne Park, and get an idea of what an exciting time they can look forward to as they begin their secondary school journey.

I look forward to meeting you all over the coming weeks.

Kind regards



Katharine Dines
Headteacher

