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Dear Parents/Carers,

I am writing to inform you of the current plan for the transition of your child to Warblington School. I use the word current as the "rules and regulations" may well change over the course of this term as the Pandemic guidelines ease. Should that happen and we are able to or need to change this plan we will of course notify you by email and publish an update on the School's Transition webpage.

I have begun making individual phone calls to you as Parents/Carers of our new Year 7 cohort. This is a lengthy process and may take up to half-term, so please do not worry if you have not been contacted yet as these are being completed in alphabetical order. Some of these calls will be made during evenings and weekends. The information collected from these calls will be taken into consideration when deciding the five tutor groups for September.

The SEND Department are currently communicating with each Primary School discussing the needs of our students and how best to support them as they transition to us at Warblington School. It is also hoped that I will be able to come into all Primary Schools to speak to the students, before the end of term.

We will publish weekly Transition Tasks on the Transition page of the school website, the first three are all to do with the students; their hobbies, interests, aspirations and family. The remaining seven are all subject based. None of the tasks are compulsory, although we would encourage your child to complete them and would appreciate your support on this as it enables us to start to get to know them and their abilities.

Also on the Transition page is a "virtual" tour of the school <u>https://www.whatsitlike.co.uk/user/37</u>, which allows your child to have a look around the buildings and meet some of the staff in each department.

In July we will look to invite each new tutor group up to Warblington for a morning visit, week commencing Monday 5th July. They will meet their new tutor, find out what house they are in, have a tour of the school and partake in a number of "ice breaker" activities and finish off listening to some of the senior staff introduce themselves and explain their role within the school. A Parent/Carer is also invited to join them for the introductory talk.

We are aiming to run a Facebook Live Q & A session on Tuesday 20th July, following the initial visits.

Should you or your child have any questions on our transition process or general enquiries, please use the year 6 email address year6@warblingtonschool.co.uk















Finally, we would like to invite you to our new students and a parent/carer to our Transition BBQ on Tuesday 13th July where we can all meet informally.

Please keep checking the schools website and social media channels for the latest information. We look forward to meeting you over the course of this term and in preparation for September.

Yours sincerely

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