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Dear Parents and Carers,

I am delighted to welcome your son/daughter to Whitmore High School for September.

Clearly, at this time of exceptional uncertainty, there will be many questions that you have that we still await Welsh Government Guidance for such as, what will happen with uniform, will there be social-distancing requirements of school buses and will my child have the chance to visit the school before September?

Despite these anxieties, we must remember that starting school is a very exciting time for children. Whilst this year will be different in many ways, we aim to ensure that it is a positive experience. With that in mind, from the 1st June, we have created a new Twitter account and website page, solely devoted to Year 6 transition. This will be populated with welcome videos from key members of staff and students, a FAQ section, a virtual tour of both the old and new site, and other useful information.

I am incredibly proud to lead a school with such superb staff and able students. Our philosophy is based on four pillars that develop the whole child. First and foremost, students here are treated individually and are listened to; secondly, outstanding teaching and learning based on strong, positive relationships are at the heart of everything we do; thirdly, our students are enabled to achieve the very best results they can, which will give them access to their next step; finally, extensive opportunities outside of the classroom support and nurture the passions and talents of each individual. As I'm sure you can't help but notice, we will be moving into our new £30 million, state of the art building in September 2021.

A key question for most children often revolves around which form they will be in. There is an unprecedented number of students who have been unable to gain a place at Whitmore. The detailed analysis of form selection is currently underway and this important process will be completed as soon as appeals for entry have been decided upon. In previous years form lists are usually ready by the first week of July and we are certain that they will be completed within this time frame at the latest.

I look forward to speaking with you personally in the new academic year.

Innes Robinson