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Dear Parent/Carer,

Transition to Saddleshworth School

It gives me great pleasure to write to you to today regarding arrangements for your child's forthcoming transition to Saddleshworth School. I hope that the years your child will spend here will be both happy and memorable. It is my ambition that every student leaves here a confident, successful and responsible young adult.

I am very much looking forward to September. In my role as Home School Leader I intend to guide and support students throughout their journey towards academic success. The next five years are going to go far quicker than you can imagine and at times may be very challenging, but with hard work, and the wonderful teaching staff here at Saddleshworth School, I assure you, the journey will be a rewarding one.

My aspirations for students will be realised through high expectations of all, both in and out of the classroom, and fuelled by my passion and determination that all students should succeed. All staff at Saddleshworth School share this belief and therefore students are expected to show dedication and commitment across all their subject areas. This includes attending school punctually every day and showing respect to staff and students alike. In return, Saddleshworth School will provide a wealth of academic, creative, sporting and personal experiences that will inevitably lead to the success of our students as they grow into valuable members of our community.

Starting at Saddleshworth School may seem like a frightening and overwhelming experience and to ease this transition all students will spend time with us on **Wednesday, 29th June**. The programme of the day will include time for students to meet peers from other primary schools, their form tutor and start to become familiar with the building. Students must arrive by 9:15am and will be dismissed by 2:30pm – *parents are not permitted to enter the school site to drop their children off unless with prior arrangement made as a result of special circumstances*. Students must bring a packed lunch as well as a pen/pencil. Dress code for the day is their current primary school uniform.

It is extremely important that all students attend the day as it is an excellent opportunity for students to feel better prepared for joining us in September as well as reduce any anxiety about starting a new school. I realise that this is a very important stage in your child's academic career and Saddleshworth School want to ensure that the transition is made as smoothly as possible. To aid this process, our Year 7 Pastoral Support Assistant, Ms Tracey Auchterlonie, is, in the coming weeks, delivering transition sessions to students at many of our partner primaries – should your child be unable to attend, notice of absence should be sent to t.auchterlonie@saddleshworthschool.org.



At 7:30pm on Wednesday, 29th June, you are cordially invited to our **Parent Information Evening** – a fantastic opportunity to hear more about Saddleworth School and to meet your child’s form tutor (who will generally be the first point of contact for parents during the five years). I do hope you are able to attend and look forward to meeting you – the session is intended for parents only. During the evening, you will receive a copy of the Year 7 Handbook – should you wish to consult this document in advance, a copy will be available on our school website from Monday, 20th June.

I know you will be looking forward to September, ordering uniform and getting the students prepared for a smooth start and in this regard I attach information as regards our uniform requirements. I ask that you support us in the purchase of your new items by ensuring that it adheres to the guidance provided - to offer clear clarification we have included greater detail on this aspect including visual images to identify acceptable and unacceptable footwear - trainer/shoe hybrid styles will not be considered appropriate footwear. Suppliers of Saddleworth School uniform *Simply Schoolwear* (133 Chew Valley Road, Greenfield – tel: 01457 872515) will be in attendance at our Parent Information Evening – in addition, we have invited *Meeks Shoes* to this event. We place great pride in the uniform and appearance of our students and would ask that you encourage your child to place the same level of pride in wearing the Saddleworth School uniform correctly. We look forward to the high standards set being upheld.

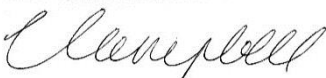
Please note, we return to school on **Thursday, 1st September – Year 7 students will start at 9:45am.** Saddleworth School will provide a hot meal on the first day. Students will have their finger print scanned and login details for our online payment provider ParentPay will be sent during the week commencing Monday, 5th September – ParentPay allows you to top up their account which allows students to purchase items via the cashless catering system. In the meantime, students should top up their account using cash prior to parent logins being activated.

I would like to take this opportunity to confirm some important dates in the coming months:

Transition Day	Wednesday, 29 th June (9:15am – 2:30pm)
Parent Information Evening 1 (transition)	Wednesday, 29 th June (7:30pm – 8:30pm)
Transition Drop-In	Daily (3:30pm – 6pm) (Monday, 11 th July – Friday, 15 th July)
Transition Drop-In	Daily (3:30pm – 6pm) (Thursday, 1 st September – Wednesday, 7 th September)
Raising Achievement in Boys Evening	Monday, 19 th September (7pm – 8pm)
First Day of Term	Thursday, 1 st September (9:45am start)
Parent Information Evening 2 (school routines)	Thursday, 29 th September (4pm – 7pm)
Parent Consultation Evening	November (date to be confirmed)

I am really looking forward to meeting you and your child in the coming months. Should you need to contact me prior to your child joining Saddleworth School, please do not hesitate to e-mail me on c.campbell@saddleworthschool.org.

Yours Faithfully,



Charlotte Campbell

Home School Leader – Year 7