



Science

# St. Richard's Catholic College

*A National Teaching School, a National Support School and a High Performing Specialist Science College*



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Dear Parents/Carers of Year Six Pupils,

I hope you and your family are keeping in good health and coping with the restrictions caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.

I just wanted to reassure you that whilst Mr Bligh, Pastoral Leader for Year 7, is unable to make visits to see your child in school, that he will be making short video clips about different aspects of school life to prepare your son/daughter for the transition from primary school to St Richard's Catholic College. He has prepared on-line resources to accompany his video clips for the pupils to fill in too. Mr Bligh has already begun the process of gathering information on the pupils from their Year 6 teachers so please be assured that staff will know the interests, strengths and areas for development of your child before he/she starts in September.

Mr Bligh's video clips can be accessed via the school website. Can I suggest that the online activities are completed weekly.

Pupils can email questions about transition to the following account: [transition@strichardscc.com](mailto:transition@strichardscc.com) and either Mr Bligh or one of the transition team will answer them. If your child has an EHCP or SEN needs then can I suggest that his/her questions are emailed to the SEN helpdesk at [pupilhelpdesk@strichardscc.com](mailto:pupilhelpdesk@strichardscc.com).

Hopefully, this regular communication during term five will give your son/daughter a sense of getting to know our school community and it will reassure him/her that we want to remove all worries attached to transition.

With regards to yourselves as parents/carers, please rest assured that your son/daughter's transition to the school will be a key priority once we are allowed to re-open for all pupils. If you do have concerns as parents/carers then please email them to [pa@strichardscc.com](mailto:pa@strichardscc.com) and I will get back to you as soon as I can. Current transition events scheduled for term six include:

New Intake Evening on Thursday, 18<sup>th</sup> June 2020

New Intake Days on Wednesday, 24<sup>th</sup>, Thursday, 25<sup>th</sup> and Friday, 26<sup>th</sup> June 2020

If we have to alter the dates, then I will be in touch with you as soon as possible.

Uniform/Equipment Orders are ready for collection on the New Intake Evening and PE Kit, which is ordered on-line, cannot be ordered until the end of June. Revised arrangements for collection of uniform/equipment will be made, if needed.

In the meantime, can I encourage your son/daughter to keep working hard for his/her primary school. Daily reading should be a habit alongside plenty of English and Maths work. At the end of term 4, the DfE published a list of on-line resources to support education at home. The list is available [here](#). A second list from Oak Academy (a virtual school) was published yesterday and is available [here](#).

Additionally, from today the BBC is supporting education with daily programmes in all subjects. BBC Bitesize Daily, as the service will be called, will deliver a tailored day of learning across BBC iPlayer, Red Button, BBC Bitesize website and app, BBC Four and BBC Sounds, with curriculum relevant offers across the UK. Together, this comprehensive package is aimed at minimising disruption to children's education and providing rhythm and routine in these challenging times.



Finally, Young Minds has some great resources to support your child's well-being as does 'time-to-change.org'.

I look forward to getting to know you and your son/daughter and welcoming him/her to our school community.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "DeA Cronin". The letters are cursive and fluid.

Miss D Cronin  
Principal