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Dear Parent / Guardian

I hope you and your families are keeping well and safe during this unfamiliar and challenging time. We wanted to briefly touch base with you to express that our dedicated and caring staff here at Paignton Academy are very much looking forward to welcoming your young person into the Academy in September.

Usually during the summer term our Academy would be full of activity with eagerly anticipated leavers celebrations, awards evenings, our summer musical production, sports days and reward trips all taking place. This summer, as you are acutely aware, our outlook has completely changed, above all we are focusing on implementing the very best measures we can to protect and uphold the safety of our students, parents and staff. We are also developing and refining the most effective ways to support our students and the wider Academy community through this time.

Please be assured we will contact you on 19<sup>th</sup> June with further information and outline how we are planning to support your son/daughter through the transition process from Year 6 to Year 7. The undoubted disruption to students' lives will be uppermost in our thoughts and please rest assured student wellbeing is a priority. In June, we will also include the information and details on your son/daughter's site and house allocation. Academy staff are in the process of sourcing information from your child's primary school to discover what will help them be successful, excited and confident about the transition to secondary school.

To improve our communication to you, we will post short video messages on our website. The first of these can be found at [www.paigntonacademy.org](http://www.paigntonacademy.org) under the **Parents' Information** tab at the top of the page, by clicking on "**Moving into Year 7**".

Please can we ask as a matter of urgency that you complete a very short and simple contact form (**we would ask that parents complete this again if possible please, even if you have previously done so as we have added a question regarding naming a friend**). There is a contact google form available on the website (Parents' Information, moving into Year 7) or, alternatively, you may print it out and return to the Borough Road reception, email the details to: [brdadmin@paigntonacademy.org](mailto:brdadmin@paigntonacademy.org) or call us on 01803 403003 between the hours of 8.30am and 3pm. These contact details will enable us to provide effective communication to you.

Through adversity, I have been extremely impressed by the strength of our community throughout this time. I am proud that our fantastic team of staff are excited to start a successful partnership with you, to provide the very best education for your young person.

Whilst it might be some time before we meet you and your son/daughter in person, I would like to highlight the fact we have a range of support material on our website: [Coronavirus – Updates, Advice and Information](#)

If you have any concerns or troubles in advance of September, please feel free to contact us, we are all in this together.

Once again, in the coming months we look forward to meeting you and your child.

Yours faithfully

David Carpenter

Assistant Head of School