



April 2023

# Transition News 2

Welcome to Transition News 2 from Alderman White School. The weeks continue to fly by, and we are looking forward to meeting students at our induction days in July (Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 6<sup>th</sup>). Year 6 students should arrive at Alderman White in their **usual primary school uniform** from **8.30am** on these days and families will need to arrange safe travel home at **3.00pm** each day. More information to follow about these days closer to the time.

## Personal Details:

It is vitally important that we hold accurate records for all students in our care. Please follow the link below to complete the necessary personal details form: <https://forms.office.com/e/nENKG1DShv>

Any changes that happen after completion of this form can be communicated directly to the school office: [white@whptrust.org](mailto:white@whptrust.org). Please do not hesitate to contact the school should you have any queries or concerns regarding the completion of this form.

## Meetings with students and parents:

We would like to invite all students with parents/carers to an initial welcome meeting on **Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> May**. This is an opportunity to meet people, find out valuable information about the transition process and speak with key staff. Some of our wonderful musicians will also be playing for you and refreshments will be available. Due to high numbers of families expected, invitations for attendance are as follows in the school hall:

<b>5.30pm</b>	<i>Round Hill Primary Bramcote C of E Primary Bramcote Hills Primary The Lanes Primary Chetwynd Spencer Academy English Martyrs' Catholic School</i>
<b>6.15pm</b>	<i>Eskdale Junior Beeston Fields Junior Beeston Rylands Junior John Clifford Primary Toton Bispham Drive Junior Sunnyside Spencer Academy</i>

NB: If your child's current primary school does not appear on this list, please feel free to attend either session but let the school office know: [white@whptrust.org.uk](mailto:white@whptrust.org.uk)

Another of our transition activities is to meet with all Year 6 students in their primary school. This process will start soon, and we are very looking forward to meeting year 6 students. Please feel rest assured that we are planning to speak to each one of you over the weeks ahead and we are already starting to work closely with year 6 teachers to plan transition in the most effective and re-assuring way possible. We thank you for your understanding and patience. We absolutely value the importance of Induction and fully commit to collaborating closely with you all to make this happen as effectively as we can.

Should any parents/carers or students have any issues or concerns that you would like to discuss individually, we can also arrange an online meeting with a key member of staff from school. Key staff available include:

**Mrs Julie Shiels (SENDCO):** [julie.shiels@whptrust.org](mailto:julie.shiels@whptrust.org)

**Mr Paul Foster (Progress Leader for Year 7 September 2023):** [paul.foster@whptrust.org](mailto:paul.foster@whptrust.org)

**Mrs Mandy Holling (Assistant Headteacher in charge of transition):** [mandy.holling@whptrust.org](mailto:mandy.holling@whptrust.org)

This is an opportunity to get to know us and for you to ask questions and let us know all about you! We will be chatting about friends and who you work best with so that we can start working on your new tutor groups... please feel free to email [mandy.holling@whptrust.org](mailto:mandy.holling@whptrust.org) should you have any queries regarding this process.



### Year 6 Tutor Group Induction Evenings:

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*Your child will be informed which tutor group they will be in on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> July when they arrive for the first of the induction days. On this date, students will take part in a tutor group session. Please encourage your child to talk to us if there are any worries about their tutor group whilst in school. Alternatively, please do not hesitate to contact us to discuss. We want all children to feel settled and safe.*

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On Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> July, families will be invited to school for our Year 6 Induction Evening. Again, due to high numbers expected at the event, the evening will split into two sessions and arranged by primary school:

Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> July 2023		
6.30pm	Presentation by the Headteacher, Mrs Mellors and Assistant Headteacher (transition) Mrs Holling.	Meet the tutor session.
7.15pm	Meet the tutor session.	Presentation by the Headteacher, Mrs Mellors Assistant Headteacher for (transition) Mrs Holling.

More details to follow in our next edition.

***Both Morley's Uniform Store and Bigfish Schoolwear Solutions will be in attendance with pop-up stalls on this evening in the school GYM where you can try on uniform essentials, purchase, or order.***

#### **Meet Mr Foster: Progress Leader for Year 7 next year:**



Being a Progress Leader at Alderman White is a fantastic role as I get to work closely with so many amazing young people!

I will tell you a little bit about myself - I enjoy sport, particularly adventure cycling and mountain biking. I also enjoy football and support Nottingham Forest, so this season has been interesting! When I am not cycling, I spend my time with my family. I have a 14-year-old daughter and a 3-year-old son (who keeps us very busy!)

I do not know how you are feeling about starting secondary school - perhaps excited, or maybe quite nervous. Either way, I would love for you to come and chat to me when you arrive so I can get to know you. We will be here to support you every step of the way as you settle into secondary school and in the years to come, and I really hope that you will feel able to make the most of everything that Alderman White has to offer.

*Ctrl & double click on the link below to access the Alderman White Website Transition Page. Here you will find video messages from Mrs Mellors, Mrs Holling (Assistant Headteacher in charge of Personal Development) and Ms Shiels (SENDSCO) as well as a virtual tour of our lovely school:*

<https://aldermanwhite.school/join-us/transition>



### Preparation — *What Else Can I be Doing Now?*

- Parents – remember to provide us with your essential details via the link.
- Follow the link above and look at the transition section of the school website.
- Think of questions you might like to ask us when we meet.
- Parents: 'Like' and follow us on Facebook for up-to-date feeds.
- Contact Mrs Holling by email if you have any questions or queries.
- Continue to work on the #ThisisMe project – **due Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> July 2023.**

### **Reminder of The Task: #ThisisMe**

Create a portfolio (a collection) of information to either bring to school when you visit or email: [paul.foster@whptrust.org](mailto:paul.foster@whptrust.org)

Your portfolio should include:

1. *An introduction to yourself (what you want us to know about you!)*
2. *A letter to your Year 6 class teacher about the best things about your time at primary school (events/trips/lessons/teachers etc.). We will be sending these on once you have started at Alderman White.*
3. *Your favourite specialist subject – a chance to show off everything you know about a hobby or subject you love to your new teachers.*
4. *What you are most looking forward to about starting at Alderman White school.*
5. *A map of your journey to our school (including buses/trams/stops/timings etc.)*
6. *A letter to your new Year 7 tutor about why you will be a fantastic addition to their tutor group and the Alderman White Community.*

Your portfolio can be presented in any way you choose. Try to be creative and innovative (you may wish to look this word up in a dictionary?)

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The due date for your portfolio to be completed is **Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> July 2023.**

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We will be in touch again...



Mrs Holling  
Assistant Headteacher: Personal Development



Mr Foster  
Year 7 Progress Leader September 2023