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Dear Parent/Carer,

Virtual Transition Day: Friday 3rd July 2020

We are really pleased to inform you that on Friday 3rd July we will be hosting a Virtual Transition Day at St Mark's. Each year, in the summer term, all primary year 6 students who are starting secondary school in September would have an opportunity to visit their new school and engage in a day of induction activities, assemblies, tours and taster lessons. Due to the current circumstances of COVID-19, this physical induction day is not possible. We realise how important a day like this is for your child and so, albeit virtual, we have decided to host a day that will still allow your child to experience the exciting and enjoyable learning activities and important information they would gain on a conventional transition day.

Through our special Year 6-7 transition website, we will be adding a special 'Virtual Transition Day' page which will have all the content for you and your children to explore. On this page, your child will experience their transition day through specially created presentations and videos:

- They will experience a special transition welcome assembly, which will explore our academy values and our ethos.
- They will receive a welcome from key leaders within the academy.
- They will experience and 'take part in' a range of interesting taster lessons and engaging presentations from a range of subjects that they will be learning at St Mark's. This is a really important part of the day as their learning and progress is our core purpose and priority.
- They will hear some testimonials from some of our current students and their experiences of learning at St Mark's.

There will also be an opportunity for you to post any questions or queries you may have and we will respond to them on the day.

On the day, so we know your child has engaged with the experience, they will complete an online registration when they first visit the page and an evaluation once they have watched and taken part in all the activities. For the taster lessons and subject presentations, it will be helpful if your child has an exercise book or notebook and basic stationary (pen, pencil, ruler etc) to complete the activities. And please encourage them to complete the learning activities as they will have an opportunity to share them in September with their subject teachers who will give feedback.

All of this content can be accessed on our website from 8:30am on Friday 3rd July by clicking directly on this [link](#) and selecting the Virtual Transition Day tab. Alternatively, you can go to our main website, www.stmarksacademy.com, click on Year 6-7 Transition tab and then click on the Virtual Transition Day tab.

We are really looking forward to having you visit our webpage and engaging in this day with us.

Yours faithfully,



Principal Lisa Peterkin

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