

May 2020

Dear Parent/ Carer,

We are delighted that you have chosen Wellsway School for your child's education and would like to take this opportunity to welcome you to the Wellsway community. We aim to provide an outstanding experience for your child and hope he/she takes full advantage of the many opportunities and challenges that will be on offer during their time with us. I am very conscious of the fact that your child has had a disrupted Year 6, but please rest assured we are taking these unprecedented circumstances in to consideration in our planning for their transition to Wellsway School.

Wellsway's examination results continue to be exceptionally strong, but we strongly believe success is about much more than just exams and are proud of the wide variety of experiences on offer to our students. The current situation we are living in makes this more important than ever. Our success is a result of high quality teaching and support from staff; excellent attitudes to learning and effort by our students and outstanding support from our parents and carers and the wider community. We remain grateful for this and look forward to you supporting and encouraging your child to fully engage with and enjoy school life to not only achieve the very best possible results but also make memories and lasting friendships during their time at Wellsway.

To ensure a smooth transition from your child's current school, **please find a copy of the Transition Pack attached to this email**, which includes the information as, detailed in the list below:

1. A letter to your child from the Principal, Matthew Woodville
2. Friendship group form for tutor groups
3. Free School Meals/Pupil Premium registration information
4. Team building event information
5. Term dates 2020/2021
6. School attendance overview
7. Introduction to Insight – Parent Portal
8. Letter regarding cashless catering
9. Finger imaging details
10. Locker application information
11. GDPR Consent information for taking and use of images

To allow us to prepare well for your child's induction and arrival in September 2020, we require key information for our records. **After reading the attached Transition Pack, please click on the survey link below to provide us with this information. The survey should be completed by Monday 18<sup>th</sup> May.** We have revised our methods for collecting this information in light of the current school closures and having to work remotely.

[Year 6 Transition Information Survey Link](#)

## **Key Information**

### **Head of Transition**

It is a key priority for us to ensure students experience a positive start to their secondary education with us. The Head of Transition, Miss O'Malley, works with the Heads of House to oversee the Year 7 Induction to support this positive start. She will be available as a first point of contact for parents/carers and students during Terms 1 and 2 of Year 7.

### **The School Day**

Please note that when your child begins in September, the school day **begins at 8.45am** and **finishes at 3.05pm** Monday to Friday. It is important that students are on school site no later than 8.40am so as to avoid rushing and being late to tutor time.

### **Studying Foreign Languages at Wellsway School**

All students in Year 7 will learn French during their first year and we encourage all students to study a foreign language as part of their GCSE studies.

## **Key Dates**

\*Please note that the events below are currently scheduled to take place. Government guidance in relation to school closures will dictate whether and how they can proceed. We will contact you to confirm the dates below and any alternative arrangements that may be necessary as and when we receive further information.

### **Transition Day – Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2020, 9.00am–3.00pm**

All Year 7 students are invited to spend the day with us to get to know the school and meet new friends. Children should arrive at Mendip Hall no earlier than 8.30am for a 9.00am start and should be collected at 3.00pm from the front gate. Please note, you will not be able to bring cars on to the school site due to the number of school buses that will be arriving and leaving at that time.

We ask students to dress smartly for this day in their normal primary school uniform and shoes. Please can you indicate on the survey if your son / daughter would like to access a free main course and dessert or if they will be bringing in a packed lunch. All students will eat together in the dining hall.

### **New Intake Parents and Carers' Evening - Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2020, 6.00pm–7.30pm**

Please come to a Parents and Carers' Information Evening in Lansdown Hall where you will have the opportunity to hear about what has happened during the day and find out more about Wellsway School. Space for this is limited so we ask kindly that children do not attend.

### **Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2020 - First Day of Term for Year 7 Students**

This is the first day for Year 7 and Year 12 students. The rest of the student body returns on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> September. Year 7 students should go straight to Mendip Hall for registration at 8.40am on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> September. Please make sure that your child has a packed lunch or you have completed Cashless Catering question in the survey linked to this email. A set school lunch of a main course and dessert currently costs £2.50.

## **School uniform**

In order for your child to settle fully at Wellsway School, it is very important that they arrive with the correct uniform and equipment to be an effective learner. All school uniform items will be available to buy from the Scholars store at the address below or online using the following link: <http://scholars-uk.com/index.php>

Scholars – Bath Shop Outlet, 4 Terrace Walk, Bath, BA1 1LN (01225) 462206

Wellsway School normally hosts a fitting sessions on the school site in July. Further information in relation to this event will be forwarded to you shortly.

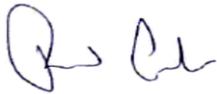
A copy of the Wellsway School Uniform Policy can be found at:

<https://www.wellswayschool.com/assets/uploads/files/policies/Uniform.pdf>

The Scholar store is currently temporarily closed. We will monitor this situation and update you with further information if the store does not reopen shortly.

We want to do everything possible to ensure that your child will be very happy at Wellsway School and makes maximum use of every available opportunity. We hope that things get back to normal soon and that you and your family remain safe and well. We are very much looking forward to meeting you soon, where we will be able to go in to further details about the next steps.

Yours faithfully,



**Mr P Comber**  
**Assistant Vice Principal**