

Formby High School

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Dear Year 6 Parents

I hope this letter finds you and your family well and managing to make the best of these unusual and challenging times. I would like to assure you that, whilst schools have been closed, our transition team has been working very hard behind the scenes to get to know all about your child via their Year 6 teachers as part of our usual transition process.

Whilst initial conditional plans for re-opening of primary schools have been announced by the Prime Minister earlier this week, many of the details are yet to be established and I am sure your child's school will be in touch with you with more details in due course. We will be working closely with primary schools over the coming weeks to discuss how we can safely deliver induction activities for all those students due to join Formby High School Year 7 in September. I understand that tentative plans are being made for a borough wide induction week for Year 6 children during week beginning 15 June. I must stress, though, that this has not yet been confirmed. These activities will, inevitably, be quite different from those outlined in your welcome letter (which preceded school closures) but we are committed to finding a solution which respects social distancing and health & safety requirements, and enables your child to have the same positive first contact with FHS.

The new parents' information evening is an important part of our transition programme to ensure that you feel fully informed and supported during this key phase of your child's school career, and we are exploring ways we can deliver this to you during the second half of summer term. It is our sincere hope that Summer School will be able to take place as planned in August, albeit with the necessary changes to respect health & safety measures required at the time. Bookings can still be made ([click here for information](#)) and, again, we will keep you updated as plans develop based on the guidelines we receive.

I will write to you further in early June to update you on how these events will be delivered. In the meantime, our transition team will continue to work with primary schools and they will also be in contact with many parents and students throughout the coming weeks as part of our well-established transition process.

I would also encourage you to keep in regular touch with us via Formby High School's various communication channels over the coming weeks and months as we will use these



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to provide frequent updates and announce creative approaches to continuing provision and community engagement throughout the current closure period:

- [FHS Website](#) – in particular, our [New Starters](#) page which will feature all the latest information and updates for Year 6 students joining us in September 2020.
- [FHS on Twitter](#) – our Twitter account (@FormbyHigh) is a vibrant source of news and updates from across the life and work of the school. Many of our departments also have Twitter accounts which you can link to via the school's main account.
- [FHS on You Tube](#) – the school develops numerous videos throughout the year and has been active during school closure to ensure we keep all our students and parents in touch with FHS.
- [Email](#) – don't forget, if you have any questions or concerns you would like to raise with us, please don't hesitate to email transition@formbyhighschool.com.

Finally, I would like to thank all parents who have returned their admission forms and would ask any parents who have not yet had the opportunity to do so to return them as soon as possible. The completed forms can either be posted in the post box at Formby High School (on the wall outside the main reception entrance foyer) or be scanned/photographed and returned via email (transition@formbyhighschool.com).

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D A Mackenzie'.

D A Mackenzie
Headteacher