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June 2021

Dear Parent / Carer

In these challenging and uncertain times, following the government guidelines, we have made the difficult decision to cancel this year's Year 6 Information Evenings next week and the Induction days on the 9th and 12th July at Reepham High School. We have also decided to change the format of the Induction evening on the 7th July to a 'Meet the Tutor' evening with allocated time slots. The times for the 7th July will be communicated to you within the next couple of weeks.

Ms Thacker, Mr Edgar and Mr Atkins have managed to visit pupils in all primary schools to give information and answer questions and we hope that this has helped your child with the transition to high school. As we will not be able to hold our information evenings for parents, Mr Edgar has recorded a video of his talk (with some details of extra measures we will put in place due to not having the induction days) which can be watched by both pupils and parents, this will hopefully go some way to put your minds at ease about the transition to high school. This video can be found on the school website (Admissions – Transferring from primary). A brief video tour of the school has also been added, pointing out most of the important landmarks to give some prior orientation, as we know that nearly every pupil's biggest fear of coming to the high school is getting lost! The Reepham High School 'Be Inspired' video can be viewed here: <https://youtu.be/IyY6QTZsmKY>

In the meantime, we are confident that the primary school will do a wonderful job in preparing your child for the transition to high school and am sure that the staff can help with any concerns you have. Anything specific that you need to know which they are unable to help with can be raised on the 'Meet the Tutor' evening where the tutors, Head of Year 7 (Ms Thacker) and Mr Edgar will be in attendance to help.

Starting high school under normal conditions can be quite a daunting experience, and with the added complications of social distancing, lack of induction days etc. I can see it being even more so for a number of children. If you have any questions that you suddenly think of over the summer holiday period, please email Mr Edgar on aedgar@reephamhigh.com, or Ms Thacker on rthacker@reephamhigh.com. They will both be monitoring emails at regular intervals.

Uniform

Our uniform providers, Birds of Dereham, will be in school on the 7th July 'Meet the Tutor' evening where you will be able to view the uniform and look at sizing etc. **Website** <https://www.birdsofdereham.com/> - Birds have a well-established and easy to use website and will be actively encouraging parents to shop earlier than normal and order online where possible.

The Friends of Reepham High School will also be here selling pre-loved uniform.

We hope you find the videos useful and look forward to seeing you and your child in July.

Kind regards

Mr Edgar, Assistant Headteacher and Ms Thacker, Head of Year 7