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Dear Parent/Carer

First of all, we hope that you are all safe and well during this difficult period.

At this time, we would normally be writing to give more information about your child's move from primary to secondary school, setting out how we make this as smooth as possible. However, as I am sure you can appreciate, these are uncertain, unprecedented times - at the moment we are not in a position where we can set out detailed transition plans with you. However, we want to reassure you that the transition process will still take place in as near to the normal way as possible and we will let you know about it as soon as we can.

Mr Eddie Myers, who is the teacher at Northallerton School & Sixth Form College responsible for the transfer of Year 6 students from primary schools, would normally be visiting your child's school during the summer term - we hope this will still happen in some form. Mr Myers may not have the opportunity to meet all the students to explain the transfer process and answer any questions, but we will make sure there are comprehensive discussions with primary colleagues about your child.

The most important transition event is usually our Induction Week - this is scheduled to take place from **Wednesday 8th to Friday 10th July**. Our aim is to give the Year 6 students an experience of Northallerton School that leaves them wanting more, so that they are excited to come back in September and also familiarises them with people, places and systems to minimise any worries they may have.

We hope you will understand that we are currently not in a position to confirm that Induction Week will go ahead as planned. We will write to you again about this, as soon as further Government guidance clarifies the situation.

On Thursday 11th July, we hope there will be a 'Welcome to Northallerton School' evening for parents and carers. At this event there will be a talk by our headteacher, Mrs Vicki Rahn, introducing you to the school and telling you about our exciting new site.

We also hope to provide two evenings, Monday 22nd June and Tuesday 30th June, when students are welcome to visit Northallerton School to try on and order uniform. This is not something you have to do; all uniform can be ordered online at:

https://school-shop.co.uk/northallerton_school_6th_form_college_dl6_1dd/

We hope that you already feel able to contact the school if you have any concerns or questions - we are here to help.

We understand there is a great deal of uncertainty at this difficult time and we are sorry we are unable to give more definite plans. But please be assured that we will contact you as soon as we can give further clarity and if our usual transition programme is not able to take place, there will be virtual events instead.

Watch this space: Within the next two weeks you will be sent details of the Year 6 Transition Activity. This is something that we would like all of our Year 6 students to complete, we hope they enjoy it!

Yours sincerely



Miss Anna Cox
Assistant Head



Mr Eddie Myers
Primary Transfer Coordinator