



# Worthington Primary School

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Dear Parents / Carers of Children in Year 6

I am writing to inform you that sadly the planned TRANSITION DAY for your child/ren has been cancelled. For most children this would have taken place on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> July.

The decision (which involves all schools in Greater Manchester, not just Trafford) is based on a number of factors:

- As you all know, rates of Covid infection across Greater Manchester are high and rising.
- Some secondary schools could not comply with the extremely strict risk assessment required due to lack of additional space on site and therefore were never able to offer transition days under Covid restrictions.
- Many primary schools already have closed Year 6 bubbles and so could not attend transition.
- There could never be an equality of opportunity for all children.
- There would be a heightened risk of primary Year 6 bubbles closing after attending transition (due to mixing with children from other schools) and therefore children missing out on all the fun activities each primary has planned for their leavers in the last few weeks and days of term.

Therefore, all our Year 6 children will attend Worthington on their scheduled transition day, unless the headteacher of the school contacts you to say otherwise (this may possibly be the case for children with Education, Health and Care Plans for example).

Every secondary school will contact you personally to give you information about their transition offer. This will be different for each secondary school. I know that some schools are offering summer schools, some are offering videos, others may offer Zoom meetings with parents, etc. Whatever the outcome, there will be a form of transition – just not what you might have been expecting. I have spoken to the children in Year 6 and they all understand the importance of quality transition and the reasons why they will not be attending their transition days in the format they had expected. You can be exceptionally proud of the extremely mature way in which they accepted the news I had to give them this morning.

Yours

Mr. C. Searle