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Dear Parent / Carer,

Transition to Downham Market Academy

It has been confirmed by the Government that, unfortunately, any plans for onsite visits by Year 6 students before the summer break cannot happen amid the current situation. This is a real shame and we know that it may well increase worries about making the move to us from primary schools. However, please be reassured that we will do everything that we can to make the transition successful.

We will continue to provide a “virtual” transition which, we appreciate, is nowhere near as good as the real thing, but we hope to ease some of the worries that you and your child may be feeling. We are in the process of arranging with our feeder primary schools suitable times to meet any of your children that are attending school using a virtual platform to answer any questions that they may have.

We are pleased to share details of the Transition section on the [Downham Market Academy](#) website – please do have a look and bookmark it as we will be adding new content each week.

The second edition of the “[DMA Transition Dispatch](#)” is now live with introductions from the MFL, Geography and History departments. Please do continue to share photos or videos of your children as they complete the set challenges – we would love to be able to share these in future editions. There are also two forms to complete here – one for your [child](#) and one for [you](#). This information will be invaluable to us to support your child in making a positive start with us.

Attached to this ParentMail, you will also find a handy guide for parents that answers many of the questions you may have about starting at Downham Market Academy. We are in the process of organising a virtual Parents’ Evening where you will be given the opportunity to meet a member of the senior leadership team and talk about your child – we will provide further details on how to make an appointment as soon as possible.

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After careful consideration, we have decided to change the supplier of our uniform to make the purchasing experience much easier for parents. Details are included in the attached Transition Guide and the new supplier, Total Clothing, have produced a brochure that outlines how to measure your child for sizing and details of how to order.

We look forward to seeing you all soon and appreciate your support as we navigate our way back to some sort of normality. Towards the end of the summer term, we will host open forums for parents to ask any further questions before the summer break – these are likely to be virtual meetings again but we will follow Government guidance at the time.

Kind regards



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