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Dear Parent / Carer,

Welcome to Downham Market Academy

This letter would normally share the arrangements for our transition days in the summer term to welcome your child to the Downham Market Academy community. However, we find ourselves in unprecedented times and it looks increasingly unlikely that we will be able to have any settling in days before the summer break which we are all very disappointed about. However, we have been working hard to make transition possible but in a more “virtual” way!

Firstly, we will be creating special editions of our student newsletter, the “DMA Dispatch” every two weeks. In this first edition, your child can experience a tour of the Academy and hear from key members of staff including the Headteacher (Mr Purvis) and the Head of Year (Mrs Locke). They will also “meet” members of the English, Maths and Science departments who have set some fun challenges to introduce their subject areas. Please follow this [link](#) to access the Dispatch.

There will shortly be a new section on the Downham Market Academy website that contains lots of information, specifically for students joining us in Year 7. This will include details on uniform and how to buy it; communication within the Academy; buses; food; trips; catering; groupings...!

We are also in the process of arranging some Q&A sessions for Year 6 children who are attending their primary schools after the half term break. We hope to be able to appear on the big screen at each primary school and chat with your children and answer any questions that they may have.

Finally, we will be offering appointments for parents / carers and their children to have a virtual meeting with a member of the Senior Leadership Team to share useful information with the Academy so that the transition is smooth and enjoyable.

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If you have not already had chance to do so, please take some time to complete the online information gathering form on our [website](#) to ensure that we have the correct details for your child including up to date contact and medical information – it is vital that we have a full record for your child.

If you have any immediate concerns or questions, please do get in touch using our dedicated email: transition@downhammarketacademy.co.uk – we are looking forward to talking to and meeting you very soon.

Kind regards



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