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Dear parent/carer,

RE: Transition arrangements

I hope this letter finds you and your family well. I appreciate that the last few months will have been difficult for many reasons, not least as your child was busy working and preparing for their SATs, which then of course did not take place. At this point we also would have been preparing for children and parents to come and join us for a number of transition activities, where we would share all the necessary key information.

As you are aware we cannot currently invite you in for the usual transition activities. We have put together a number of information sources that we hope you will find useful in preparation for the start of the new school year, as detailed below.

- ★ **Introduction Video** – This is a compilation video where you will get to meet staff, have a look around the building and get a general feel for what it will be like to join our academy. You can find the video on our website at the following link. <https://astreasheffield.org/parents/y6-y7-transition/>. You will also find all transition documents on the same page.
- ★ **Live Webinars with Questions & Answers** – At the three different times specified below, we will be holding Q&A Webinars with key staff presenting and answering questions. One the day, head to the website as listed below to join the webinar – please note, you only need to attend one as they will be covering the same content. We are hoping that any pupils that are in their primary schools during this time, will be able to access with the support of their class teachers.

A - Tuesday 30th June – 1.15pm – 1.45pm - <https://bit.ly/AASWebinarA30Jun>

B - Wednesday 1st July - 1.15pm – 1.45pm - <https://bit.ly/AASWebinarB1Jul>

C - Thursday 2nd July – 1.15pm – 1.45pm – <https://bit.ly/AASWebinarC2Jul>

We would urge pupils, parents and class teachers to send through questions in advance to transition@astreasheffield.org. When sending questions, please include the pupils full name and current school, along with their question, and **during which webinar above you would like the questions answered**. All webinars will be recorded and added to our website after the events.



- ★ **Work Booklet** – We have provided work booklets to all of our feeder schools, so they can complete them with pupils when they are in their classes before the end of term. For any pupils who are not returning to school, please email transition@astreasheffield.org and let us know, we can post a printed copy of the booklet out. This booklet should be kept by the pupil and brought into school in September.
- ★ **Y7 Welcome Booklet** – This key booklet will contain all of the relevant information about the start of school in September. We are leaving this as late as possible to publish, as we want to ensure it has the most accurate information following government updates. Parents will receive this information through the post towards the end of July and it will also be published on the transition page of the website (<https://astreasheffield.org/parents/y6-y7-transition/>)

Back in May we sent out important data collection forms and we are still awaiting quite a few to be returned. It is very important that we have these forms completed and returned as soon as possible, so that we can register all new Year 7 pupils for September. Please post these back to the academy or drop them in as we are now open. If you have misplaced the forms, please email transition@astreasheffield.org to let us know and we can send you a new set.

Do get in touch if you have any questions, worries or concerns – please stay safe and look after each other.

Kind regards



Emma Glover | **Head of Academy**