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Dear parents / carers,

I wanted to write to you about our plans to help your child move smoothly from Primary School to St. Gregory’s Catholic High School. I am aware that there will be some apprehension and worry about the move and in normal circumstances we would have gone ahead with our New Pupil Day on July 7th along with the New Parents evening and our Uniform and Equipment evening. Sadly, with government restrictions still in place this is now not possible, especially with 240 pupils joining us in September. However, I wanted to set out for you what we have planned and is already available to help your son or daughter as they prepare for life at St. Gregory’s in September.

1. Our website has a dedicated page for our new cohort and can be accessed at [www.stgregoryshigh.com](http://www.stgregoryshigh.com) where pupils and parents can click on the link.  On this page there is a link to a virtual tour of St. Gregory's and a message from our Head Boy and Head Girl which you may want to look at.
2. There are also some Frequently Asked Questions plus a dedicated email address for pupils to contact school directly if they have a question that we haven't answered on the FAQs section.
3. Also, on the webpage there is a work booklet for Year 6 children to start looking at which if they complete will give their new form tutor an idea of their likes, dislikes, fears, worries, what they are looking forward to etc.
4. There are also bridging activities for the subject your child will be studying in school. Please look at these and encourage your child to complete them.
5. There is also some information and advice for parents to use with their children to help them prepare for the big change to secondary school, especially in the light of the lockdown.
6. Powerpoint presentations for parents and pupils that will help children and parents/carers understand our expectations.
7. Included with this letter is a newsletter to all new pupils which I would like you to read with your child. We will be keeping in touch this way as we move towards the end of the summer term
8. In the coming weeks we will let your child know what tutor group they have been assigned to and they will be able to access our website to meet their form tutor and hear a welcome message from them
9. We have asked your child’s school to send you messages and information via their own school communications systems but I would encourage you to follow our Twitter account:@sgrch\_school and to check our website regularly.

In May you were sent a welcome pack that contained important paperwork that will enable us to enter your child’s contact details on our school systems. It also included other forms that should be signed and returned which ordinarily you would have done at our New Parents Evening in July. With this event now not taking place, would you please return the forms to us via post or hand delivery.

We will continue to keep in touch with you as the term progresses.

Yours sincerely

N. Mcleod

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