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To Parent(s)/Carer(s) of Year 6 pupils

Dear Parent(s) / Carer(s),

Year 6 Open Evening – A Live Online Event

I know that as soon as a pupil starts Year 6, thoughts will quickly focus on the ‘big move’ to Year 7 in a new school. At Toot Hill School we aim to make this transition as smooth as possible and give every child and parent/carer confidence that the change will be a happy and successful one. We work very closely with all of the primary schools in our family of schools to share good practice and standards which help secure a successful transition. It is our duty to listen to you to understand your hopes, aspirations and concerns and to respond in a manner that enables you to move forward with confidence.

Commencing the transition this year will be two live online open evenings on Wednesday 23rd and Thursday 24th September at 6 pm. These events replace the usual evenings held in school because of current COVID-19 restrictions. Each online open evening will start with a short video introduction commencing at 6.00 pm, before I complete a presentation detailing all aspects of life at Toot Hill School. In particular, I will reassure you about the outstanding quality of learning and pastoral provision we provide at Toot Hill School. I will be assisted by the Deputy Head Teacher, Mr Garner, so that we can take your questions live throughout the event and conduct a Q&A session at the end of each session. We expect to finish by 7:30 pm.

To attend either session live, simply use either web link below (I advise copying and pasting this into your browser). You can watch the event on any electronic device and do not need a Microsoft Teams account to do so even though this software is being used to deliver the events.

Open Evening	Web Address
Wednesday 23 rd September	https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3ameeting_Mzq0Nzi0NGYtNDUzMy00ZDRkLTgxNTAtZGY5MGNiZGM3ODI3%40thread.v2/0?context=%7b%22Tid%22%3a%22f4ebe22e-b553-44f3-8856-3e0d84908eb8%22%2c%22Oid%22%3a%2239008964-acbe-4b5d-a0f1-90a73762f31a%22%2c%22IsBroadcastMeeting%22%3atru%7d
Thursday 24 th September	https://teams.microsoft.com/l/meetup-join/19%3ameeting_YThiMjlkN2UjOTVhNi00NTFkLWl2OTctMjk0MTJkZiZlZ%40thread.v2/0?context=%7b%22Tid%22%3a%22f4ebe22e-b553-44f3-8856-3e0d84908eb8%22%2c%22Oid%22%3a%2239008964-acbe-4b5d-a0f1-90a73762f31a%22%2c%22IsBroadcastMeeting%22%3atru%7d

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In order to make the transition process as informative and comfortable as possible, the process for the whole year is as follows. Please note that all dates are provisional at this stage.

- 23rd and 24th
September 2020 - Online Live Open Evening at Toot Hill School – an opportunity for Year 6 pupils and parents to attend a live online event to learn about our school commencing at 6pm.
- 31st October 2020 - The closing date for the expression of preferences to Area Education Base.
- 1 March 2021 - Parents informed as to their allocated school.
- June 2021
(TBA) - New Head of Year 7 and Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator to visit primary schools (date to be advised)
- July 2021 (TBA) - Morning visit by Year 6 pupils and teachers to familiarise themselves with Toot Hill School environment.
- July 2021
(TBA) - Pupils spend a day in the school and meet their new tutor and teachers.
- July 2021
(TBA) - Incoming Year 7 Parents' Evening

Choosing a secondary school is a vitally important decision and our intention is to give you as much information about Toot Hill as possible. If you have immediate questions regarding admission to Year 7 at Toot Hill School, please do not hesitate to contact the Admissions Team or myself at school.

I look forward to meeting you soon.

Yours sincerely,



Dr C. Eardley
Head of School