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2 June 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

I hope this update finds everyone safe and well, I can't believe how fast time is passing since my last letter to you back in April. That letter outlined some speculative plans about the Year 6 Induction process. Today I am writing to update you on version 3 and to let you know of some of the changes we have made.

Firstly, the parent/carers evening scheduled for Thursday 4th June will, clearly, not be going ahead. During this evening you normally get the chance to meet some key staff and we tell you a little more about our traditional Induction Week, including our expectations for uniform, equipment and how you will travel to and from school. We have decided to include this information in our virtual Induction Week instead, so that you get all the information, but in a new way!

I briefly mentioned in my email in May about us moving towards a virtual Induction Week and I have pleasure in confirming that this will now be going ahead. Our staff are already hard at work recording introductory videos to their subjects, departments, tours of the school and other useful information. We are in the process of finalising our plans for this week and I can confirm that your son/daughter will now spend periods of time throughout the induction week of 22nd to 26 June, interacting with these videos in their primary school or at home. There will be opportunities for parents/carers to join in as well.

I will send you more information on how our virtual Induction Week will work in the next fortnight, but for the time being, you should have received the following from us:

- Welcome Letter
- Attendance Information
- Data Collection Sheet
- Bus Fees and Passes
- Bus Routes
- Generic Permission Letter
- ICT and e-safety policy
- Language Preference letter
- Cashless Catering Letter
- Music Lessons letter
- Code of conduct on buses
- Locker Letter.

Please note that the deadline is still 22nd June for any documentation that needs to be returned to us.

We are working with our uniform providers on a safe way for you to order and try on uniform and this will be published as soon as we have more information available.

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Mrs Tracey Hoare and other members of staff are working with the primary schools to organise visits for our staff to come along and meet the children so that we can have some face to face contact, obviously following all social distancing guidance. We appreciate that not all children are in school at the moment so if you or your daughter/son would like to venture up to Dene Magna for a tour or would like to talk over the Induction process, please contact Mrs Evans on d.evans@denemagna.gloucs.sch.uk or 01594 542370 who will be happy to arrange this for you.

You can also submit any questions you may have to Y6q@denemagna.co.uk. As I said, we have our new Head Boy and Head Girl working on answering these questions for Induction Week.

If you have changed your mobile number, address or email address recently, we would be very grateful if you could let Mrs Evans know (d.evans@denemagna.gloucs.sch.uk) so that we can keep your records up to date and continue to keep you informed.

We will be publishing the detailed parent/carers guide on Friday. This will appear on the Dene Magna website and we will send you an email to confirm it is available and a link showing how to open it. We try to send our documents electronically where possible so that we are minimising any risk of spreading Covid 19 through the postal system, but if you would like a hard copy of the Induction pack then again, please contact Mrs Evans (d.evans@denemagna.gloucs.sch.uk).

If you have any other questions or queries, please do not hesitate to contact us and in the meantime, stay safe and positive.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S. Brady', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Stephen Brady
Headteacher