

21 June 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

Last week, we received new guidance from Norfolk County Council about the safe running of transition events in school. Sadly, in light of this new guidance, we have taken the decision to postpone the in-school transition events that we had planned this year. However, our online transition programme and our Summer School are still going ahead as normal.

We have moved our in-school transition programme to September 2021. This means that when your child joins us they will complete the activities we had planned for them. Your child will do all the normal things they would do for transition, they will just do them in September.

In the meantime, you can help your child with the transition to our school by encouraging them to access the **Online Transition Programme** via our website: <https://thorpestandrewschool.org.uk/>. We have all been so impressed with the way that many students have responded to the challenges we have set online and we look forward to what else your child shares with us.

In light of the postponement of the in-school transition events, we would really encourage you to sign your child up to our free **Summer School** that is being held at the school between Monday 23 August and Friday 27 August 2021. This exciting event will enable your child to get to know the school environment a bit better, meet some key staff and make new friends before they join us in September. The Summer School is entirely **free** and your child does not have to attend every day, but you have to register your child's place on the summer School online, in advance. If your child presently qualifies for a Free School Meal this will also be provided at the Summer School. You can register your child for our Summer School using the link below:

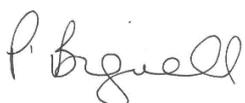
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Just because the transition programme is different this year, it does not mean it will not be as good or that your child will miss out. To help your child with transition, make sure that they engage with the online programme and, if you can, register them for a place at our Summer School. Doing these things will help you and your child feel more confident about joining their new school in September. We were really looking forward to seeing your child this term and we cannot wait to meet them in person but, if we have learned anything about COVID-19, it is that we have to do whatever we can to stop the spread.

If you have any questions or queries you can contact us directly via email at: transition-tsa@yare-edu.org.uk.

Stay safe and see you soon.

Yours faithfully



Mrs P Bignell
Principal