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ALL JUNIOR AND PRIMARY SCHOOLS

Dear Colleagues,

Y6 Pupils - Secondary Transfer Arrangements for 2021

The secondary admissions round for September 2021 is now open for applications. Please see attached a letter for distribution to all parents of year 6 children that are resident in Walsall. As agreed at last week's Head Teacher briefing, I would be grateful if this could be circulated to parents, via your parent mail, and, also uploaded to your website.

This letter provides a brief overview of the process and includes contact details for Walsall Secondary Schools. Further details are provided in the online information booklet. This is available on the Walsall Council website along with Supplementary Information Forms (SIF's) www.walsall.gov.uk/secondary_school_admissions

In line with the published admission arrangements, parents are required to submit their applications online and will not be issued with paper forms.

Officers from the School Admissions Team will be in regular contact with primary schools throughout the application period to provide schools with lists of those children for whom the Local Authority has yet to receive a secondary school application. This will enable schools and the School Admissions Team to identify those families that require support with the application process and ensure that appropriate support is provided.

A timetable showing the key dates for the 2021 secondary transfer process is also enclosed.

The closing date for applications to be submitted is **31 October 2020 (10pm)** however the Local Authority is advising parents to complete and submit their applications by **23 October 2020** given that the statutory deadline falls at the end of half term week.

Thank you for your ongoing co-operation and support,

If you require any further advice or support please contact the School Admissions and Appeals team at schooladmissionsadvice@walsall.gov.uk and a member of the team will be pleased to assist.

Yours faithfully,

Rob Thomas,
Head of Access,