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12th May 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

I hope you are well and I would like to thank you for choosing our academy and welcome you to our team.

I trust that your child enjoyed receiving their personalised welcome postcard from one of our Year 7 students which was sent to your child's primary school. We know that moving to secondary school can cause some apprehension for both children and their parents and I wanted to explain some of the processes that are currently underway to support your child's transition to us.

Transition events

We have already started the process of contacting primary schools in order to obtain an overview of your child, to get an understanding of them and any additional information that will help to support their transition into secondary education; this also includes liaising with our SENDCo and Children's Services Team. The Year 6 Transition Day is scheduled for Wednesday 30th June. We are planning for a face-to-face visit but will of course have to wait for final Government confirmation. If we are unable to hold the event in person, we will use a variety of online resources, including a virtual tour of the academy to support your child. We will, of course, keep you informed.

Summer School

We are planning a Summer School to run from Monday 26th July to Friday 30th July (subject to Government Guidance). This will be free of charge and will combine a mixture of academic, wellbeing and teambuilding activities. We will be in contact nearer the time with further details once when we have received clarification regarding both transition events and Summer School. However, in the meantime, we would like to ascertain the number of students who might take up a place for Summer School. To do this please click the link to register your interest: <https://tinyurl.com/9vvrka8> by **Tuesday 18th May**, or alternatively scan the QR code below with your phone's camera.



Uniform and PE Kit

I understand that you will want to purchase this sooner rather than later. Our uniform supplier, Price and Buckland, have informed us that they are taking orders for uniform via <https://www.pbuniform-online.co.uk/ormistonshelffield>. They also offer a free returns service for new Year 7 students via <http://www.royalmail.com/track-my-return/create/2864>. Price and Buckland have informed us that they are finalising an online video for their website to support parents in measuring for the right size uniform.

Our academy ties are available through a different supplier. These can be purchased from the academy in person or ordered online. Please click to visit our online store for ties: <https://ormiston-shelfield-community-academy.square.site/>. If you wish to buy a tie in person, we are currently unable to accept payment by card, however, you can pay online and collect from the academy.

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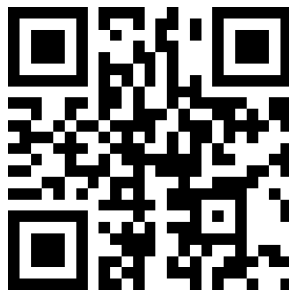




Our PE kit supplier, Liss Sport, have informed us that their website (www.lissport.co.uk/shelfield) will be taking orders from 1st June. Purchased kit will be delivered to the academy, ready to collect on the first day of term in September. Please note that the cut-off date to ensure that kit is ready for your child's first day is Friday 16th July.

Keeping you informed

When your child starts with us in September, our main channel of communication will be the SIMs Parent App. For this we need up-to-date contact information for you, including an accurate email address. However, the easiest way for us to communicate with you before this is via text message email. Can you please ensure that you visit our website (www.scacademy.co.uk) in the Admissions section and provide up-to-date contact details. Alternatively, click the link here <https://tinyurl.com/87csests> or scan the QR code below with your phone's camera. Please complete this by Friday 4th June.



The new academic year

Year 7 will start at the academy on Thursday, 2nd September. They will be the only full year group in the academy on that day to give them an opportunity to familiarise themselves with their new surroundings during a quieter day than normal. Students will be required to wear full school uniform.

I understand that you may have a number of questions and I wish to reassure you that we are doing all that we can in the current climate to ensure that your child's transition is not adversely affected. We will, of course, have to be led by Government guidelines and I will contact you again as soon as we know more. If you have any specific questions regarding transition, please feel free to get in touch with Miss Dawe at e.dawe@scacademy.co.uk or Miss Smith at c.smith2@scacademy.co.uk If your question is related to SEND then please get in touch with Mrs Jawanda, our SENDCO at b.jawanda@scacademy.co.uk

A digital copy of this letter is available on the academy website.

Once again, thank you for choosing Ormiston Sheffield Community Academy. We are excited to be welcoming your child to our team and are looking forward to working with you and your child over the coming years.

Yours sincerely,

Mr S Turnbull
Principal