



June 2020

Dear Parent/ Carer

For any 'normal' year we would now be organising our visits to primary schools and arranging details for the transition from year 6 to year 7 to ensure a smooth and enjoyable start at Stanground Academy. Sadly, due to the current circumstances, we are unable, at present, to complete these visits. We are awaiting further information from the Government regarding the re-opening of schools.

We have however, been working behind the scenes to ensure that your child still has the best possible start to life at Stanground Academy. We are working with all our primary schools to ensure key information around student progress, SEND information, friendship groups and any further pastoral information is shared with our dedicated transition team. This information will help with our placement of students into their new classes and tutor groups.

Although we find ourselves in unique times, there are some exciting changes taking place at Stanground Academy. Students will be placed in new pastoral houses, which will enable them to mix with a variety of different aged students. This process will support your child's transition into the Academy through an individual buddying system. This will help with movement around the Academy and answering any questions they may have, from how to take a library book out to where they go for lunch time and after school clubs.

We have also been reviewing our current systems and are delighted to announce that we have moved to a local uniform supplier. We have taken on board feedback from parents and feel that by using a local supplier, it will make the whole process of getting uniform much more enjoyable and simpler. We are proud to announce that our supplier is Chroma Sports, who are based in Bretton, Peterborough. Working together with Chroma Sports has meant that we have been able to source the best quality uniform at the lowest prices. More information will be available on our website shortly.

We would just like to finish by reassuring you that we are all going through this very trying time together. We do appreciate the difficulties it has presented with home schooling over a prolonged period of time. We are working with our teachers to develop the curriculum your child will experience from September 2020 to support them and ensure that no one is placed at a disadvantage as a result of the school closures.

In addition, we have a wide variety of support in place at the Academy, from a dedicated SEND team, catch-up provisions, Young People's Counselling Service, mentoring and experienced and passionate pastoral teams. These are just some of the resources at our disposal and we will do everything in our power to ensure that your child has the best start to life at Stanground Academy and is not disadvantaged in any way as a result of this unprecedented event we are all currently experiencing.

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The team here are looking forward to meeting you in person as soon as the situation allows. If you do have any further questions please feel free to contact the transition team on transition@stangroundacademy.org and we will reply to you as soon as possible. Unfortunately, visitors are not currently permitted in the Academy which does cause us some problems with any forms that are outstanding as no child is permitted to start at the Academy without this important information. We are hoping these can be dropped into the Academy post box which is being installed over the next week. Please do not post ID and proof of address etc as these documents will be checked later in September and will not affect your child's place at the Academy.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'K. Ainslie', written in black ink.

Mr K Ainslie
Deputy Principal