



Rawmarsh Community School



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Re: Postponement of Rollover June 2020

Dear Parent

Firstly, I hope that you and your families are safe and well in these challenging times. Moving up to secondary school can be an exciting and sometimes daunting event in a child's school career, and it's often more worrying for parents than for the child themselves! As parents, we want our children to be safe, happy, and successful – probably in that order, and those are our priorities as a school too.

With this in mind and the current situation regarding the unprecedented extent of school closures, we have decided to suspend the June "rollover" this year. We plan to welcome our Year 7 students on Wednesday 2nd September as they begin their journey with us at Rawmarsh Community School dependent on Government decision making.

All Year 7 students will have three days of induction activities including getting to know their new classmates, finding their way around school, and learning about what school life is like at Rawmarsh. They will then begin their timetabled lessons on Monday 7th September.

At Rawmarsh, our aim is "To send every young person out into the world able and qualified to play their full part in it". The "qualified" probably speaks for itself. But what do we mean by "able"? In short, we want our students to develop as confident, well-rounded, caring, enthusiastic, happy, can-do people who have learned to cope with setbacks and disappointments, so that they leave us ready to start their adult lives.

We are living through a time that in years to come will be seen as a very important part of our history. As schools reopen we need to ensure that all the decisions we make have the best interests of each and every child at the core. Consequently, if schools reopen prior to September for Year 6 children, to ensure familiarity, consistency and continuity they will return to their primary setting. This decision has not been made lightly, but I always put the health and safety of our students first. I know how important it is for you to know at the earliest opportunity what our plans are.

I will remain in regular communication with all primary schools to ensure that we continue to work together, adapt to this ever-evolving situation and implement strategies to ensure transition from primary school to secondary school in September is as seamless as possible. Once we have an official announcement from the Government regarding secondary schools, I will liaise with Primary Headteachers to put plans in place to ensure students are ready to join us formally in September.

Yours sincerely

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