



## **Transition – FAQs**

### **Will transition week still take place for year 6 students as planned in early July?**

Due to the ongoing situation with COVID 19, the government guidance states that no transition visits are to take place at this stage. We will obviously review this if things change. All information regarding the year 6 transition will be posted on this page when available.

### **What are the plans for September?**

As our plans are informed by government guidance, we do not know what September will look like at this stage. When we have further information, this will be communicated with parents.

### **Will year 6 students have some induction days before they start?**

Once we have further guidance about September, we will look at how we can support our year 6 students. We understand the importance of transition days and will do our best to ensure that plans are in place for students to familiarise themselves with both the academy and staff.

### **How do I purchase school uniform?**

Unfortunately, due to the school closure we are unable to confirm any potential dates for uniform pop-up shops at the academy. We therefore advise parents to purchase the required uniform online from our suppliers, at your earliest opportunity to ensure stocks are available.

Sizing information is available on the supplier's website. Please ensure you select delivery to your home address and not school as we are currently unable to accept uniform deliveries and the supplier will not attempt to deliver them to us.

### **Will my child need money for school meals?**

The academy operates a cashless payment system called sQuid. Until the students have been registered for this system, in the academy, they will need some cash to pay for school meals, unless they are entitled to free school meals.

We are usually able to post out the unique student code required to create a sQuid account for your child, during their first 10-14 days at the academy.

### **How will I be informed of any changes due to the current pandemic?**

Information will be posted on the academy website and this page will have specific information regarding the year 6 transition process.

We will also be using software called Weduc to keep in contact with parents and carers. Please ensure you include an email address on the data collection sheet you will be asked to return to the academy in the welcome pack so that we are able to send you a username to access the software.

### **What equipment will my child need?**

Due to the current situation, we do not want to put any unnecessary financial pressure on families. With this in mind, all we ask is that students have correct school uniform and basic equipment. Any additional items, such as text books, we will review when students are in school. If you are worried about finance, please contact the academy and we will do our best to support.

### **Will my child find out their tutor group and house?**

All students will find out which tutor group they are in before the summer break. They will also receive a welcome message from either their tutor or head of year.

### **How are tutor groups organised?**

Secondary education is a great opportunity to meet new people and make new friends. Each tutor group is made up of students from a range of our primary schools. Whilst we do our best to put students with at least one person from their current school, it is not always possible to consider friendship groups.

### **What do we do with the transition booklets?**

The transition booklet is designed to provide some information about East Leake Academy and answer some questions students may have. We have also included additional bridging work for each subject taught in year 7 as we are aware students may have missed some academic studies due to COVID 19. Students should complete this booklet either at home or in primary school (if they are in). It would be lovely for tutors to see all the work they produce in the booklets so we would like students to keep these and bring them to school on their first day.