



07<sup>th</sup> July, 2021

Dear Parent/Carer,

## **Year 6 Transition Days**

All the staff and pupils at Neatherd are looking forward to welcoming your son/daughter to Neatherd on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> July, 2021. Over these two days your son/daughter will get a chance to get to know the Neatherd site, try out some lessons, meet and get to know other Year 6's joining us from different schools, meet their Head of Year- Miss Noble and spend some time with their form and form tutor. We have always found these days valuable in reassuring Year 6's ready for the start in September. We have updated our school COVID risk assessment to include them.

On both days all of Year 6 pupils will enter through the side gate (signs and staff will be there to direct), where they will be met by their Head of Year (Miss Noble) who will have hand sanitiser and facemasks for any pupils who wishes to wear one (who hasn't brought their own). They will then be arranged into their form groups, these will be groups from different primary schools. The form groups will then remain as a group for all of their lessons throughout the two days, but will be moving to different classrooms throughout the day. In all lessons pupils will be asked to sanitise their hands. Year 6 as a whole will remain as a bubble spending their community time in their own community zone and therefore at no time will mix with any pupils from another year group.

Below are some commonly asked questions regarding the Year 6 transition days:

1. *What time should my child arrive to Neatherd?*  
Your child should arrive no earlier than 8.20am – our Year 6 only gate will be open from that time – situated along the driftway (staff will be there to direct).
2. *What time should I collect my child?*  
On both days the school day will finish at 3.10pm and your child will leave through the same gate they enter.
3. *What should my child wear?*  
Year 6s should wear their current primary school uniform on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> and on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> they should wear PE kit/sports clothes (no hoodies please).
4. *What food/drink should my child bring?*  
Due to COVID our canteen is not able to provide food for Year 6s so please send them with water, snacks and a packed lunch (no energy drinks) on both days. If your child is entitled to a free school meal our canteen will provide a packed lunch for them to collect.

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5. *Can my child get the school bus for the transition days?*

Unfortunately due to COVID restrictions Norfolk County Council (at the time of writing this letter) are not able to offer Year 6 pupils a place on the school bus for these 2 days. We are in consultation with Norfolk County Council regarding this matter due to the recent announcement regarding the changes to COVID restrictions in schools as from 19<sup>th</sup> July. If this situation changes we will of course make you aware. In September, they will of course be accepting the new pupils onto their buses. If transport is going to be an issue on those two days please notify us by emailing [office@neatherd.org](mailto:office@neatherd.org).

6. *Do I have to send my child to the transition days?*

It is your choice as to whether you send your child to us for these two days, we understand you may be concerned due to number of new contacts they will make. We believe by keeping them in a bubble we are preventing spread of COVID but we leave this decision to parents. If you are not going to send your child to us for their transition days they would be expected to attend their normal primary school. Please inform your primary school prior to transition days if you do not plan on sending them to Neatherd on those days.

7. *My child has an epi-pen do they need to hand it in?*

We have records from all primaries regarding medical needs for each pupil. If your child has an epi-pen they are expected to have it in their bag and accessible to us should we need to use it. If your child does have medication that requires the Health Practitioner to administer please contact her via email at [Vivienne.Jones@neatherd.org](mailto:Vivienne.Jones@neatherd.org) prior to the transition days.

8. *What equipment should my child bring on the transition days?*

A pencil case containing pens, pencils, ruler, rubber and pencil sharpener will be required. We do have lockers at Neatherd but these are on a first come first served basis and are used and emptied daily by pupils. On these two days we would expect your child to carry their belongings in their school bag.

Hopefully this letter has answered many of the questions you had regarding the transition days but if you have any further questions regarding the transition days feel free to post these on our Year 6 parents facebook page or email us at [office@neatherd.org](mailto:office@neatherd.org).

Important other information -

We will be hosting our live Transition Evening meeting for parents via Facebook on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> July at 7.30pm. This is a chance for us to reassure you that when your year 6 joins us it will be fine and to give out information regarding attendance, behaviour expectations, uniform etc. Throughout the presentation you will be able to post questions that will be answered. If you are unable to join us on the evening, the recording will be placed on the school website for everyone to access.

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Finally, an important date for all parents and year 6s to note – the first day of term in September for **new Year 7 and Year 11 only is Monday 6<sup>th</sup> September**. On this day all pupils will have their school photograph taken. Our other year groups will be joining us on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> September. By only having Year 6 and 11 in school it gives us another day to allow Year 6 to familiarise themselves with our site and school expectations.

We look forward to meeting your son/daughter on the 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> of July. Over the next few days we will be in contact regarding the name of your son/daughter's form tutor.

Yours sincerely,

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