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Dear Parents and Carers of Year 6 pupils,

Many families have applied to one of the Bradgate Secondary schools for their son/daughter next year. We believe it is important to outline the plans we have made to support Year 6 and their families, and we endeavour to make the transition experience as smooth and worry free as possible. The Bradgate Secondary schools have a joint transition programme to ensure that most of the Year 6 pupils in the local area will have a shared experience. We find this is helpful so that pupils in the same primary schools can move forward together.

The focus of our transition programme is to ensure the continuation of academic progress and the effective handover of pastoral care from primary to secondary staff. We want all pupils to thrive socially, feel confident to make new friends, be familiar with the routines and expectations of their new school and ultimately feel ready for secondary school. We already work closely with local primary schools and liaise with Year 6 teachers. We will make sure there is continuity with the curriculum and our teachers will work hard to support the progress of all pupils as they move on to secondary school.

Outlined below are some of the key dates and events you can expect. We hope to be able to provide face to face experiences and will introduce these when we are sure of the government guidelines.

Bradgate Secondary Schools Joint Transition Programme 2021

Beginning of March 2021	Pupils are notified of their allocated school. Welcome packs are sent home with a Year 7 Handbook for Pupils together with a Parent's/Carer's Guide to Year 7 Starting at Secondary School, which includes information about uniform, uniform suppliers, cashless catering and buses. The SENDCo at both schools, Jeanette Knowles, will begin the process of supporting children with additional needs.
March 2021	A Virtual introduction of the staff at the schools. A Virtual introduction of the Special Education Needs and Pastoral support staff and facilities.
March 2021	An Email Group will be set up with Parents/Carers so we can keep in contact. This will be used to provide on-going information, and parents/carers will be provided with a direct email contact to use if there are any questions.
March 2021	A Primary Transition 2021 tab will be added to the Wreake Valley Academy and The Roundhill Academy websites for the August 2021 cohort. All letters that are sent home and any other information regarding starting at secondary school will be posted here.

March/April 2021	Transition staff from Wreake Valley Academy and The Roundhill Academy will visit those Year 6 who have been allocated a place. This will hopefully take place at the primary schools, but an alternative live broadcast will be delivered if there are still restrictions.
April/May	A Broadcast introduction to bridging work in English, Maths and Creative Arts.
May/June 2021	Transition staff from WVA and TRA to meet with Year 6 teachers to discuss individual pupils and begin the handing over process.
May/June 2021	If there are still restrictions in place we will have remote activities for Year 6, such as a Year 6 Newspaper and a virtual sports day.
June 2021	Current Year 7 and 8 students will write letters to Year 6, and answer any questions they may have. If possible Year 7 will visit Year 6 at the primary schools.
Wednesday 30 th June and Thursday 1 st July 2021	Welcome Days All new Year 7 students will spend two days at their secondary school. Students will meet with their tutor, Head of Year and other subject teachers. If there are still restrictions in place the two welcome days will be rescheduled for the beginning of the autumn term.
Wednesday 30 th June 2021	New Year 7 Parents Evening All parents are invited, with their son/daughter to meet the Year 7 Tutors together with an opportunity to meet the Headteacher, Assistant Headteacher, SENDCo, and Head of Year. This will be rescheduled for the beginning of the autumn term if there are restrictions in place.

We were able to meet many families at the Bradgate Secondary Schools Open Evenings in September, and we were delighted with the positive responses we received from visitors. If there are other families who would like to visit either of the secondary schools, then please do contact us.

We will remain in contact with families during the spring and summer terms, and we will keep you informed of plans for the beginning of the autumn term 2021. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any queries or would like to speak to a member of staff.

We are looking forward to the time when we can welcome families to the Bradgate Secondary schools and we wish you and your families the very best of health and an enjoyable Christmas holidays.

Yours sincerely,

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