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Dear Parents and Carers,



I hope you and your family are safe and well during this time.

We recognise at President Kennedy that the end of Year 6 was not the celebratory and nostalgic experience that would usually have been planned for, but I would like to reassure you that we will work closely with you and your child to make the arrival to The Bridge the warmest and most supportive welcome of all. We are extremely excited about our new Year 7s joining us in September, and we look forward to making the beginning of their secondary school experience a year to remember.

Sadly, due to the Coronavirus Pandemic and social distancing regulations, **we have had to cancel our Transition Evening on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> June and our Transition Day planned for Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> July.** Although our transition programme has been inevitably amended in this current climate, it is still important that your child has a comforting transition into The Bridge in Year 7. We are already having our usual contact with primary schools and The Bridge Team are working closely with your child's teacher so that we have as much information as we can before the new term begins.

Not only is it important for us to know about the students coming to us, it is important that your child knows The Bridge Team and become familiar with the school. We are excited to launch our **'Transition – Year 6 Journey to The Bridge' Webpage** which will be a way that we can share important information with you in the coming weeks and months. Please visit the website and familiarise yourselves with President Kennedy by viewing our school tour. Your child can 'virtually' walk freely around the school and explore the different floors and areas within the school building. There are lots of buttons to click on which offers additional information, including the staff roles in The Bridge along with our pictures. We would also like your child to complete a special form called **'Transition – Year 6 Journey to The Bridge 'Getting to Know You'**. We would love to know a little bit about what your child likes to do and what they are most looking forward to, as well as what they are a little bit unsure or worried about, before we get the chance to meet them in person.

You can access the tour, our online Transition Pack, the 'Getting to Know You' form and very soon there will be information about our Year 7 tutors via our **'Transition – Year 6 Journey to The Bridge' webpage** here: <https://www.pks.coventry.sch.uk/news/?pid=36&nid=5&storyid=1585>

Please continue to check the transition webpage weekly. We have uploaded our Transition Pack, which has key information about The Bridge and what to expect in September, as well the letters that have been sent. We will also upload information about our curriculum where we will give you an insight into what our students will learn in their first academic year. One update to look out for is the information regarding the **Uniform Voucher**. This is a voucher for all new Year 7 students that gives you a **free uniform starter pack** including: one blazer, one tie and two shirts/blouses. We are aiming to send this out to you at the start of July.



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During this term and over the summer holiday, we will also be launching competitions and uploading assemblies to the Transition page, so that your child can build a sense of belonging to us in The Bridge. There will be lots to see and do and prizes to be won, so enjoy getting involved in this summer experience. I would also like to address any questions that you or the students may have about The Bridge or secondary school. Please encourage your child to complete the 'Getting to Know You' form to address any questions that your child has and we will address these in our assemblies so that all students feel well prepared for when they arrive in September. If you have any questions that you would like us to answer, or if you are particularly worried or your child is anxious about the transition to The Bridge, please contact us by emailing The Bridge team at [transition@pks.coventry.sch.uk](mailto:transition@pks.coventry.sch.uk).

As I am sure you appreciate, we are regularly adapting to the government guidelines regarding the restrictions that the pandemic offers. In time, we may be able to offer visits for some students to see the school in person.

I look forward to being part of this journey with your family as your child enters this milestone of secondary school.

Please stay safe and take care.

Kindest regards,

Mrs Alexander-Weller  
Director of The Bridge