



Dear Parents/Guardians

Firstly, I would like to formally welcome you to Friesland School, we are delighted that you have chosen to become part of our community and very much look forward to meeting and working with you.

I am very proud of our school and, in particular, the ways in which we help students to make the transition from primary to secondary school. Whatever anxieties you might have at this stage, particularly in these current circumstances, please know that we will do our absolute best to ensure that your child is able to approach their start at Friesland positively and with confidence.

Usually I write to new parents at this stage with all the dates and details of transition days, parental information evenings and the start of the new academic year. Obviously, we are not currently in a position to fix any dates, or organise any large events at school. As soon as we have more clarity and guidance of what we are able to do, I will write to you again. At this point, we are aware that Year 6 may be back in school in some way prior to the summer but for now we are working on the basis that all of our transition work needs to happen remotely. If this changes, I will let you know. We are in the process of organising a remote presentation welcoming you to Friesland, and are looking into the possibility of a remote tour of the school. I will be back in touch after half term with more detail on this. I realise a lot of you will be thinking about uniform and how to purchase it, our uniform policy is available on our website: <http://www.frieslandschool.com/parent-information/uniform/>.

One of the things we are able to do in this uncertain time is place your child in their form group ready for September. I hope that by providing you and your child with the opportunity to request some friends to be placed in the same form group with, it may go some way to building up some confidence as you look ahead to your child starting secondary school. The form group friend request slip is in your pack, please make sure that this is returned to us. Whilst we try our best to place children with who they have requested, sometimes this is not possible. We take a range of factors into account when making this decision, including the views of your child's Year 6 teacher.

Enclosed with this letter is an induction pack. We require you to complete this information and return it to us (FAO Mrs York) as soon as possible, but no later than Friday 12th June. If you have any questions about the information enclosed, please do not hesitate to contact the school on [hyork@friesland.derbyshire.sch.uk](mailto:hyork@friesland.derbyshire.sch.uk)

Yours sincerely

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