



Dear parents/carers

I am writing to you with a brief update as to where we are regarding induction to Friesland for your child. When we last wrote to you we still hoped that physical induction may have been possible during June or July, unfortunately we now know that will not be the case and we will need to run our induction in a different way.

Firstly, can I remind you that the transition pack we posted in May needs to be returned as soon as possible. The information contained allows us to set up your child in our systems and to place them in their form group. Thank you to those who have already sent this in.

Obviously, your child will be keen to know which form they are in, and which other students will be in that form. That information will be shared on their first day in September. Can I reassure you that in September there will be a form of induction for your child, we will not expect students to start full lessons straight away, especially as at the moment we have no clear idea of what general school re-opening will look like.

Over the coming weeks we will start a programme of virtual induction, which will take several different forms:

- A virtual tour of the school will be available in the next couple of weeks, we will contact you again as soon as this is ready to view
- Alongside this a welcome video, including an introduction to key staff, will also be produced. Again, we will contact you when this is ready to view
- We also plan to invite you to a virtual induction evening, hosted by myself, which will be able to view on line followed by a Q&A session. Our aim is to run that evening in early July, I will contact you again closer to the time with further detail
- We will be sending an induction pack for your child next week, which will include a welcome letter from myself, an 'all about me' booklet for your child to complete and some transition work to complete for the core subjects

All of the above is to try and make your child's, and your, transition to Friesland as smooth as possible in different circumstances to normal. Different does not necessarily mean worse, however, we are committed to making your child's transition as stress free as we can possibly manage.

As I am sure you are aware Mr Monk, our current headteacher, is retiring in August. I am sure you would like to join me in wishing him all the best in that retirement. I will be Friesland's headteacher in an acting capacity in 2020 and you would like to extend a warm welcome to you and your child as you join our thriving community and wonderful school

Yours sincerely

Craig Patterson  
Headteacher