

PAA/CCH

10 June 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

PRIMARY SCHOOL TO JESMOND PARK ACADEMY TRANSITION: FURTHER DETAILS

I am writing to you with a further update on the transition arrangements for your child to Jesmond Park Academy in preparation for them joining us from September 2021. I would like to thank everyone who has returned the registration booklet to school in preparation for your child joining us next academic year. If you have not yet returned your completed registration booklet to school, please do so as soon as possible, as this is an extremely important part of our preparation and planning for next academic year. You can download and print a replacement booklet from the transition area of the school website, or request a replacement from the school office by contacting admin@jesmondparkacademy.org.uk

Year 6 Parent/Carer Evening – 24 June 2021

After very careful consideration of the significant health and safety challenges and potential increased risk associated with large gatherings, we have taken the decision that, in the interests of continuing to control the transmission of Coronavirus, it is the cautious, responsible, and safest option **not** to go ahead with the on-site this evening event this academic year.

This has been a very difficult decision for us but we have concluded that, on balance, the risk associated with going ahead with the on-site event continues to outweigh the benefit at the current time. As an alternative, there will be a video presentation on our website to cover the information that would have been delivered at our open evening. This will be posted in the transition area of our website on the 24 June.

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Online Resources

We are working closely with primary schools to ensure that the transition to Jesmond Park Academy is as smooth as possible for all children in Year 6. We are taking several steps to support the transition of students to Jesmond Park Academy using a range of online resources, which are now available in the transition area of our school website. You can locate this easily by visiting our website www.jesmondparkacademy.org.uk and selecting 'ABOUT THE ACADEMY' followed by 'TRANSITION' from the top menu bar. You will also be able to access this area of the website from the second 'pip' on the homepage of the school website from 24 June.

There are a range of resources to support you and your child with their transition to Jesmond Park Academy. We would be very grateful if you could look through these resources with them. We will be writing to your child's primary school to ask them to complete the Maths, English, Science and Modern Foreign Languages activities with your child, in preparation for them joining us in September. However, your child can also complete the general transition booklet activities with you at home as part of their preparation for joining us in September. **We are expecting all children to bring their completed activities to school with them on their first day at school.**

On our website, you will be able access the following extensive range of information over the coming weeks. Updates and additions will continue to be made, so please check regularly for the latest information:

- A "frequently asked questions" page to answer the most common questions
- School uniform purchase information from Emblematic
- School uniform booklet for September 2021
- Wynsors' shoe booklet for September 2021
- Transition video presentation (from 24 June) replacing on-site transition evening
- Transition brochure containing useful information about the school
- An interactive map of the school for parents and children to explore
- General transition activity booklet - activities for children to complete at home
- Subject transition activities—for children to complete in primary school and at home
- Pen portraits of the transition team and other key staff in school
- Copies of our letters to parents/carers about transition
- A replacement downloadable registration form
- Information on transition support for SEND students
- Our school prospectus
- Useful website links (which will be added to over time)
- A contact form to ask any further questions you may have

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JESMOND PARK ACADEMY SCHOOL UNIFORM 2021

We are now in a position to give you details about purchasing our school uniform for the next academic year. The school badge outer ring colour for Year 7 in September will be GREEN. This will remain with students as they progress through the school. Our uniform supplier is Emblematic and their website address is www.emblematic.co.uk.

We have published a presentation from our uniform supplier, which you can access from the transition area of our school website. This provides you with all of the information that you need about ordering school uniform for September 2021. We have also include a tape measure with this letter to help you with your uniform sizes.

Included in the uniform booklet there is information about approved styles of school shoe. Please be aware that logos on shoes are not permitted. We work in partnership with Wynsors' shoes and there is a brochure of suitable school shoes in the transition area of our website. Please note that there may be some variation in shoe codes and supply. You are welcome to buy school shoes from any retailer, providing that the shoes purchased match the requirements in our uniform brochure and our approved styles.

I will be writing to you about the arrangements for the start of term again in due course. If you have any questions that are not answered in our transition FAQs section, please complete the contact form in the transition area of the school website with your query and we will respond to you as soon as possible. We are looking forward to welcoming your child to Jesmond Park Academy in September for the next exciting stage in their learning journey.

I wish you and your family all the very best and will be in contact with you again in early July to outline arrangements for the start of the new academic year.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Paul Anderson', written over a light grey rectangular background.

Paul Anderson
Deputy Principal