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Dear Parent/Carer

I am writing to introduce myself and to officially welcome you and your child to the Thornleigh Salesian College family.

I hope that by now you have had the opportunity to watch the Welcome Evening video on YouTube-if you have not then you can view this here https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC06IxT-qvd4n3A_X5GZr3kw/videos. Alongside this you should have received information about your child's form and form tutor. Information about uniform and transport is enclosed in this letter. Much more support can be accessed on our dedicated KS2-KS3 section on our website: <https://www.thornleigh.bolton.sch.uk/> > parents > KS2-KS3 Transition. You should also have received our Year 7 STEAM award pack in the post; if you have not then please contact dsmith@thornleigh.bolton.sch.uk.

Secondary school transfer at any time is often worrying for parents and children, let alone in these circumstances, so I wanted to offer you some re-assurances. Firstly we have been working hard with your child's primary school and they have been sharing pastoral and academic information with us. Secondly, we have a clear plan for how we will support each individual child when they join us in September, our structures and systems will ensure that they settle quickly. Our teaching staff have processes in place to quickly assess where children are at and mechanisms ready to take them where they need to go – no matter how far that is. We know that many children may be out of a learning routine and our priority will be re-establishing these as quickly as we can.

In normal circumstances your child will have had the opportunity to visit us for two induction days. This year, in the absence of this opportunity, we have scheduled a Year 7 induction day on **Tuesday 8th September**. This will present your child with an opportunity to meet their form tutor, team mates, familiarise themselves with the school site and begin their learning journey prior to the rest of the school community returning the following day. Your child will need to be in school, in full school uniform for 8.45am. All of the school buses will be running as normal, however the latest government guidance means that I must ask you to consider how your child is going to travel to school. Wherever possible children should walk or cycle to school, the second option is for them to be brought to school by car and dropped at the bottom of Sharples Park, the third preference is using the school bus service and the last resort should be using public bus routes. If your child is travelling on any bus they must wear a face covering that can be removed on arrival to school. If their face mask is a re-usable one then they must bring a plastic bag to store that in during the school day.

As you will be aware, the final government decision about schools reopening in September will be made on 11th August. So, if there are any changes that need to be made following this date, we will let you know. The best place to stay up to date is by following our KS2-KS3 transition Twitter account: @tsc2to3



Thank you for your cooperation throughout the KS2-KS3 transition process and I am looking forward to working in partnership with you in September.

Yours faithfully



A. O'Callaghan
Headteacher

