

## Special Educational Needs and Disabilities Academies Trust

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Dear Parents / Carers,

Welcome to Priory School. We are looking forward to seeing you and your child in September 2021. Starting a new school can be a very anxious time for some pupils and in order to make this transition as smooth as possible we have organised a transition programme. This will enable your child to become familiar with their new teachers, friends, and classrooms before starting in the autumn term.

We will be uploading a transition information video to our school website by 26<sup>th</sup> April. To find the video please go to: <u>https://sendat.academy/priory/transition-support/</u>. You will be able to watch this to gain further knowledge about Priory School, the structure of the school day and pre admission information.

You are invited to attend a virtual transition information session at 10am on Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> April. There will be a live question and answer short presentation and a live question and answer. The joining instructions for this session will be added to the website. Please note this session is for parents only.

Week beginning 7<sup>th</sup> June you and your child will be invited to a virtual meeting with your child's new tutor. This will provide an opportunity for you both to form a connection with your child's teacher before they attend any transition sessions.

If the government roadmap continues to follow the identified dates for restrictions gradually lifting, we are hoping week beginning Monday 12<sup>th</sup> July will be our whole school transition week. All the pupils in school will move to their class for the following school year for the last week of the summer term. New pupils starting in September are invited to attend for the week. We will confirm these arrangements nearer the time.

We appreciate that your child may have commitments in their present school and may not be able to attend for the whole week. However, the more days they can attend the more settled they will be when they start full time.

During the transition week pupils may bring a packed lunch or pay £2.30 for a school lunch. We will not be able to provide transport for these visits so you will need to bring your child at 9.00am and collect at 3.00pm.

I have enclosed Priory School admissions documentation; I would be grateful if you could complete these forms and return them to the school office via post. This will enable us to contact you efficiently to keep you up to date regarding transition arrangements and key school dates. Please note your child will not be able to attend transition week without these documents being returned to the school office.



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If your child is eligible for home to school transport you will need to apply for this via the link provided in your placement offer letter from the local authority. Please contact me if you need any assistance with this and we will help as much as we can.

You may find it useful to follow our Facebook page <u>https://www.facebook.com/Prioryschoolbse</u> to get a view of school life.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact our Admissions and Review Team on 01284 717871 or via email at <u>admissions@sendat.academy</u>.

**Yours Sincerely** 

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