



Dear Parents and Carers,

We are looking forward to warmly welcoming your child to The Castle Rock School. We know that transition and new beginnings can be hugely exciting for our students but this time of change, and the unknown, can also be worrying.

We want you to know that all our staff, especially the Year 7 team, will support your child through transition. Sarah Brady, the Head of Year 7, and Charnelle Goodwin, the Year 7 Pastoral Mentor, will ensure that the step up to secondary school will be a positive experience. We are very much looking forward to being able to get to know you and your child over the coming months and work together in partnership to ensure your child receives a first rate educational experience.

Due to the restrictions concerning Covid-19, we have had to slightly modify our transition process and we have been working closely with our colleagues in the primary schools to ensure the transition is as smooth as possible.

Induction Days

We are currently finalising the induction process for our new Year 7s. Unfortunately, as a result of recent government announcements, the restrictions surrounding Covid-19 and the requirement to keep primary bubbles separate, we are unable to offer our usual induction offer.

For the schools listed below we will be inviting students to visit The Castle Rock School for two days. For all other students we will be offering a tour of our school and a chance to meet staff prior to the summer break and will make contact shortly to arrange this. Hopefully, these experiences will help students begin their secondary education feeling happy and confident.

On Thursday 1st July and Friday 2nd July we are able to invite some of our new Year 7 students to spend some time with us at The Castle Rock School.

Due to Covid-19 restrictions, students will not be able to go into their new tutor/teaching groups, but will remain with their primary school in order not to mix the different primary bubbles in classrooms. We will be allocating time at the start of the new academic year for our new Year 7s to get to know their Tutor and members of their Tutor Group.

In order to ensure everyone's safety, we will be operating a staggered start and finish time for both days:

Arrival (Thursday 1st and Friday 2nd)

Broom Leys Primary School 9:00am

Whitwick St John the Baptist C of E Primary School 9:15am

Warren Hills Community Primary School 9:30am

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New Swannington Primary School 9:40am
Thringstone Primary School 9.50am
Swannington Church of England School 10:00am
All Saints Church of England School 10:00am
Belvoirdale Primary School 10.00am

Collection (Thursday 1st and Friday 2nd)

Broom Leys Primary School 2:00pm
Whitwick St John the Baptist C of E Primary School 2:10pm
Warren Hills Community Primary School 2:20pm
New Swannington Primary School 2:30pm
Thringstone Primary School 2:40pm
Swannington Church of England School 2:45pm
All Saints Church of England School 2.45pm
Belvoirdale Primary School 2:45pm

We respectfully ask that parents and students arrive, and are picked up, no earlier or later than their allocated time. This is to ensure that we adhere to current guidelines.

During these induction days, students will meet staff, have a tour of the school and receive a taster of some of the different lessons they will be studying when they join us after the summer.

Covid-19

Alongside the staggered start and finish time, we will, as mentioned above, be keeping students in their primary bubble at all times when indoors.

Students will remain in the same, well ventilated, classroom during the induction days (apart from when they have their tour of the school and PE) and this is to provide a further layer of defence against transmission of the virus.

The school is already subject to a strict cleaning regime, with all door handles and other touch spots cleaned regularly.

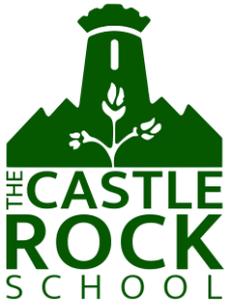
Your child will be given a new pen, pencil, paper etc to work with for their induction days and we will not be sharing equipment in the classroom

Food during induction days

We will provide all students with a free breaktime snack, lunch and drink on both induction days. This means that that they will not need to bring any money for food. Should students prefer to bring their own food, they are more than welcome.

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Food and drink for the induction days should be pre-ordered using the following link:

[Food Order Form](#)

Uniform

For the transition days, students should wear their primary uniform on Thursday, and their primary PE kit on the Friday.

The Castle Rock School uniform for next academic year can now be ordered from the online School uniform shop using the following link:

<https://www.lissport.co.uk/castlerockhighschool>

In order to ensure delivery in time for the start of the new school year, uniform must be ordered by July 9th.

Should you have any further questions surrounding next year's uniform, please contact our Business Manager, Mrs Laura Evans.

Summer School

To further enhance your child's transition to secondary school, we are extremely pleased to be able to offer all of our new Year 7 students an opportunity to attend our Summer School. This will take place during the week commencing the 16th August and is free of charge for all of our new Year 7 students. It will be a fantastic opportunity for your child to meet members of our staff, get to know the school, meet students in their new year group and make new friends. We feel that this week will be extremely valuable in making the transition from primary to secondary a positive experience and we are looking forward to spending the week with as many of them as possible. Hopefully you will have already received a letter regarding our Summer School, if you haven't then please contact your child's primary school.

If your child is interested in attending summer school, please fill in your details on the form by Friday 18th June. You can do this using the following link:

[Apollo Summer School Response Form](#)

Initial Contact

Starting on the 21st June, you will receive a phone call from a member of our Senior Leadership Team or Sarah Brady (Head of Year for Year 7). This will be a chance for you to ask any questions you may have and for us to begin to get to know you and your child.

Induction Evening

The evening of the 1st of July would normally be our Induction Evening where parents get the chance to meet their child's tutor. We are currently planning on holding this meeting virtually and we will contact you nearer the time with instructions on how you can join an online meeting to meet your child's tutor.

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We are looking forward to getting to know you and your child better over the coming months, and hopefully get the chance to meet in person in the near future. In the meantime, have a fantastic summer.

Yours faithfully

Mr Duncan Baldwin
Head
The Castle Rock School