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Dear Parents/Carers

We are delighted that you have chosen Pilton Community College for your child's secondary education and are very much looking forward to welcoming them in September.

We are currently communicating with Year 6 teachers to ensure a smooth transition for your son/daughter. A member of the Year 7 team will also be visiting them in their Primary School during the summer term to meet them and give them information about Pilton, which will help prepare them, and you, for their time with us. Welcome packs were delivered, where possible, by me in person containing relevant information to keep and use; both during this process and in their first few weeks with us.

We hope that you found the virtual information evenings that we ran useful. If you were unable to join us, there is a link to a recording of the meeting on our school website, under the Year 6 transition section. Copies of all paperwork can also be found in this section should you need it.

The next event we are hoping to run will be an Intake Taster Visit here at Pilton on either **Tuesday 6th July**, **Wednesday 7th July** or **Thursday 8th July – your primary school will notify you of the date for your school's visit shortly.** Due to Covid restrictions, could you please drop your child at the Main Reception for 9.00am and collect at 2.45pm, unless your child is walking home. Please could you click here and complete the attached form indicating end of school arrangements, i.e., if your child is being collected or if you give consent for your child to walk home alone. These Intake Taster Visits will obviously be subject to the easing of Covid restrictions and national guidance. During these visits pupils will get the chance to meet key staff, tour the school and take part in some short sample lessons. As your child will be staying for lunch during the full day, we require them to bring a packed lunch for that day unless they are entitled to free school meals, in which case a lunch will be provided for them.

We would appreciate your efforts in ensuring we keep the community safe and as an additional precautionary request, can we please **urge your child to complete a lateral flow test** the night before their intake day visit. We have spare lateral flow test kits in school that you could collect from main reception if needed.

We would also be delighted if you could join us for a virtual Parent and Tutor Information Evening on **Monday 12th July.** You will receive a link via email, for a 5 minute appointment with the tutor that your child has been allocated to. This personal contact with them will be the start of a strong working partnership over the five years your child will spend with us.

If there is anything you feel we need to know at this stage please contact Keely Druce, Matthew Hunt or Louise Fry (Pupil Service Administrator – Transition).

We are really looking forward to working with you and your child, but if you have any queries in the meantime please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Best regards

Mr G Hill Headteacher

