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Dear Parent or Carer

RE: Year 6 Transition

I hope that you and your families are safe and well.

I am delighted that your son or daughter has been allocated a place at Driffield School and Sixth Form and we look forward to welcoming them to our school in September 2020.

During these unprecedented times we wanted to keep you informed about how our transition process will differ this year. We want to ensure that your son or daughter still has the opportunity to experience all Driffield School has to offer and provide a smooth and successful transition to Year 7.

We are currently in constant communication with the primary schools to ensure we make the transition programme as effective as possible. We have a number of plans in place that will allow your son or daughter to see what Driffield School is all about. If it is not possible for students to visit the school in person, we have alternatives ready to go. For example, virtual tours of the school site, Q&A with current Year 7 students and a live information evening for parents. All of these resources will go on to the transition area of the school website.

In July we will be in contact regarding your son or daughter's House allocation and ensure you have all the relevant information regarding tutors, tutor groups, uniform and first day arrangements.

As you can appreciate we are in a constantly changing climate and we will ensure any changes to the above are communicated as efficiently as possible to yourselves and your child's primary school.

For those students who have SEND or additional needs our SENDCo, alongside members of The Link team in school, are in contact with your primary school to gather all the necessary information. Those parents who were due to attend meetings at Driffield School with Mrs Warren or Mrs Potter will receive a phone call to ensure these discussions still take place.

We understand that this is a very difficult time for everyone and could potentially have a negative impact on people's mental health. Therefore the Whole School

Approach Team from Hull and East Yorkshire Mind has extended their support to Year 6 students and parents or carers during this testing time.

The Whole School Approach project offers a wellbeing drop-in whilst working within schools where students can book an appointment to see a member of HEY MIND staff if they are feeling down, anxious, worried, in need of a chat or just want information or signposting. This drop-in service has continued via phone calls for those that require support. Please note this is not therapy or counselling, it is an opportunity to have a conversation with no judgement that is kept confidential, providing you or anyone else is not at risk of harm.

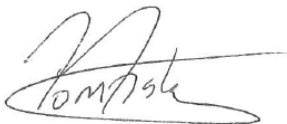
This drop-in service has been extended to include all Year 6 students who have been allocated at place at Driffield School, parents and caregivers. If you feel this is something that would be beneficial to you please get in touch using the information below. The 15 minute slots are available between the following times:

Students Wednesday 10am – 12pm
Parents & Caregivers Thursday 10am – 12pm

To book a slot please email smulligan@heywind.org.uk stating your name, primary school, which category you fall into, year group (if applicable), your telephone number and preferred time. You will receive an email to confirm your time slot. The appointments will be on a first come first served basis and days may be subject to change.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your support during these unprecedented times. If you have any questions or queries with the above please email transition@driffieldschool.org.uk.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'T Fisher', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Mr T Fisher
Assistant Headteacher