

Dear Transfer Student, Parents and Guardians,

April 2020

Even though we are all still in lock down and dealing with this unprecedented situation, the time is fast approaching for your journey with us to begin so I thought I would take the opportunity to contact you to keep you updated over the transfer process. We are very excited to be welcoming you to our school and we know that, despite the current situation, you will be looking forward to starting with us in September. We are very much looking forward to seeing you.

We will be sending you, in early May, instructions for completing our Online Admission Form and our Admission Booklet, in which we will include information regarding uniform, locker information, music lessons and our cashless payment system for use in the cafeteria.

We use the system Go4Schools, which all parents and students will be able to access to see attendance, behaviour, timetables, homework and progress. This will be demonstrated at our Transfer evening in July.

Let me take this opportunity to remind you of some of the key dates for your diary: Transfer Day is scheduled for **Friday 3rd July**, with a chance to meet your child's Head of Year and many of their new teachers on the Transfer Evening on **Thursday 2nd July from 7 - 8pm**. Students are also invited to this event.

We are contacting the key teachers from the local feeder schools to gather lots of information about your child in terms of their levels, grades, pastoral information and any educational needs they may have, so that the transfer is as smooth as possible. We also hope to be able to visit to talk to the students about the transfer process and answer any questions they have about life at Ferndown Upper School. We will then be able to place each student into the correct class to ensure they reach their full potential.

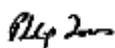
We also place students into houses: Cheetham (Green), Thornton (Purple) and Read (Red) and then into tutor groups. We have vertical tutor groups at Ferndown Upper (a mixture of Y9, 10 & 11 students) that meet every morning. Having students from all year groups within a tutor group has proved very successful in the students helping and supporting each other.

If you have any worries or concerns that you want to discuss before July's events then please contact us via our email: transfer@fernup.dorset.sch.uk.

We will contact you during the summer term with updates and further information regarding Transfer Day and which House and Tutor Group you will be joining in September.

See you all soon and in the meantime stay safe.

Yours sincerely,



Mr P. Jones



Mrs G. Milsom (Transfer Co-ordinator)