



June 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

I hope you and your families are well. Thank you again for choosing Finham Park 2 as your child's secondary school. We hope they will be very happy with us over the next 5-7 years.

As promised, I write with further details about your child joining us at Finham Park 2 and some important requests for information from you. As I'm sure you will appreciate, transition from year 6 to 7 cannot happen in the usual way this year due to the issues with coronavirus such as social distancing in schools. However, we will do everything we can to ensure that your child settles into year 7 as smoothly as possible.

We are currently working behind the scenes, contacting Primary feeder schools to discuss the students who will be moving up to year 7. This helps to inform us of their strengths & interests as well as any additional support that your son/daughter may need at this time and also into the future. In addition, the College teams are working on the new Mentor groups and College allocation for your son/daughter so that we can inform you in due course as to which College they will belong to, who your key contact person will be and which colour tie you will need to purchase.

We have a Year 6-7 Transition page on the Finham Park 2 website <https://finhampark2.co.uk/year-6-to-7-transition/> which we are currently updating with information for new parents and students. This will shortly include the Headteacher's Welcome presentation, a virtual tour of the school, as well as some suggested subject related work that your son/daughter may want to have a look at prior to officially joining us.

Included with this letter, is a Transition booklet full of activities for your son/daughter to complete and bring with them when we return to school. This will support the Mentor & College leader in getting to know more about your child as well as helping your son/daughter familiarise themselves with some of the key changes that moving to Secondary school entails. Please take some time to go through this with them as we are really looking forward to receiving these on our return.

We also have an email address transition@finhampark2.co.uk through which you can ask specific questions should you wish to.

Modern Foreign Language Classes

In Modern Foreign Languages we offer French, Spanish and Mandarin (we are fortunate to have been accepted by the Department for Education as a Mandarin Excellence School supported and led by teachers at Finham Park). One half of the year group studies Spanish and the other half, French or Mandarin. Both French and Spanish have the same amount of teaching time, with Mandarin having 3 extra hours of lessons. Your child will be allocated to one of these languages. **If you have a particular preference for either French, Spanish or Mandarin, please email transition@finhampark2.co.uk by Friday 12th June**, outlining the reasons for this preference and we will endeavour to meet such requests as far as possible. A letter is enclosed regarding the Mandarin Excellence Programme to explain this opportunity in more detail.



Road Safety

Coventry's Road Safety Officer has asked us to remind you of her particular concerns with Year 6 groups and road safety in relation to transfer to secondary schools. We would ask you to assist us by helping your child to plan a safe route to school and by reminding your child of the usual road safety rules.

Studybugs

We're pleased to announce that Finham Park 2 is introducing a new, efficient and secure system for reporting your child's absence due to illness, called Studybugs.

Top 3 reasons to use Studybugs

1. It's integrated with our systems so we know right away if your child is unaccounted for.
2. It's quick and easy to register and use and automatically reminds you to keep us posted.
3. You'll be helping the NHS and other public health organisations [improve children's health](https://studybugs.com/about/schools). (<https://studybugs.com/about/schools>)

Please download the free Studybugs app, or register on the Studybugs website, and use it to tell us whenever your child's ill and unable to attend school.

[Get the app or register now](https://studybugs.com/about/parents) (<https://studybugs.com/about/parents>)

FROG

Our school's virtual learning platform (VLE) is called Frog and it contains information and links for both students and parents. Students will be given a login from September of Year 7 and they will be able to access lots of details regarding subject information, home learning activities, Homework set & due as well as more practical information about timings of the day, lunches, timetable etc. Parents/Carers will also be issued with parental login information to view behaviour and reward points, progress reports and details about homework set. Parents' Evenings are also booked online via Frog and further details will be given about this before your child's first Parents' Evening.

Once you have received your login for Frog Parent it can be accessed via the internet (link on FP2 website) or you can download the Frog app on to a smart phone or tablet to receive notifications of updates as well. <https://www.frogeducation.com/edu/ourproduct/mobile/myfrog>

School Uniform

We have attached to this letter a copy of the school's requirements on uniform and ask for your support with this. Also included are various offers from some school uniform suppliers.



Information to help us

Please could you complete and return to us the five forms which accompany this letter:

- 1 Student Confidential Information Form:** To ensure that we are able to keep accurate records, please complete the attached Student Confidential Information Sheet, including your mobile phone number and e-mail address.
- 2 Consent for the use of images in school:** To enable us to photograph or make recordings of your child, a record of your permission being granted is required, in accordance with the Data Protection Act 1998. Please sign and delete as appropriate.
- 3 Trip consent Form:** This form provides consent for students to take part in school trips and other activities that take place off school premises.
- 4 Student information sheet:** To enable us to have a better understanding of your child, please complete the attached Student information sheet with your son/daughter. This information will be shared with teaching and support staff to enable them to work more effectively with your child when they join Finham Park 2 and where necessary to identify any additional support that may be required within school.
- 5 Home school agreement:** Please read this document with your son/daughter and sign the relevant sections to indicate your commitment to the agreement between Parents/Carers, Students and school.

THESE FORMS SHOULD BE RETURNED TO US **AS SOON AS POSSIBLE** AND NO LATER THAN **BY FRIDAY 12TH JUNE.**

Many thanks for your support. We look forward to meeting you in the next few weeks.

Yours sincerely

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Headteacher

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Assistant headteacher