

St. Nicholas CE First School Belvide Gardens Codsall Wolverhampton WV8 1AN

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## **Re: Year 4 Transition Update**

Dear Year 4 Families,

I hope that your child's report has found you safe and well. I am writing to keep you updated on how your child's new schools are being prepared with all of the necessary information they require, to ensure that they have a rich, well-informed understanding of each child from St Nicholas that will be transitioning to them.

Over the last few weeks, Year 4 staff have been busy preparing a significant amount of information (remotely) to share with all our feeder schools for the Year 4 children that will be starting with them from September. Although not an exhaustive list, we have provided them with information such as:

- Achievements in Reading, Writing and Mathematics (up until the enforced school closure)
- Attendance (up until the enforced school closure)
- Your child's interests and hobbies
- What your child enjoys about their learning and where they might need some extra support

The feeder schools have now received this information and as I say, this is not an exhaustive list, where we will continue to keep in contact with them to ensure that they have any other information that they need, over the coming weeks and months. This is an unusual time for us as a school at St Nicholas because we pride ourselves on how we prepare our leavers for transition and the way in which we would normally celebrate their time at St Nicholas. I want to reassure you now that when the time is appropriate and safe, we will welcome our Year 4 children back to say a proper 'Goodbye', as once you are part of the St Nicholas community, you never really leave it!

Of course, if our Year 4 children are back in school before the Summer break, we will be focusing on ensuring first and foremost that they have a positive, settled and well-transitioned start back into the St Nicholas environment, albeit a little different in some ways. We will then move forward to focusing on how we can prepare them for a safe, positive, and well-informed transition to their new schools.

I fully understand the mixture of feelings that you and your child will be experiencing at this moment in time, especially if they are the first child to transition to middle school, but please remember that we are here to respond to any concerns or queries that you may have. However, queries directly related to the new school (such as buying new uniform) are ideally to be sent to them directly, as they will be even better equipped to provide you with the most accurate information specific to their school and in a more timely manner.

Sending my very best wishes and warmest regards to you all,

Mr Gough