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Dear Parents/carers

During this time of school closures, we are sure that you are concerned about your child's transition to Year 7. We would like to assure you that we are still very much working with your child's primary school. Our staff are holding online meetings with the Year 6 teachers and the SENCOs to gather all of the information needed to ensure a smooth transition for all children to secondary school.

To support your child in this uncertain time you can visit the transition page on our [website](#), under the Parent tab, which contains a variety of resources. This includes a video tour of the building made by our students which will help your child get an understanding of how our school works and its layout; a meet the staff page, so that your child will know the faces of the key staff they will meet in their first weeks; we have posted a link to 15 key Year 6 English and maths lessons provided by our trust (Academies Enterprise Trust), these are all video lessons with accompanying resources, created by some of the best teachers across the country; we have also added our own online transition lessons from our teachers across a range of subjects.

This is what we have planned for now, but more will be added over time, to ensure your child gets the best chance to succeed when they continue their learning journey with us in September.

The transition days for all students scheduled in July, and our extra days for the more vulnerable students, are being kept under review. Further updates will be posted via the transition page and social media.

We will do our best to keep you informed of everything that you will need for your child starting with us next academic year but if you have any further questions please do not hesitate to get in touch with either Mrs Dover, the Year 7 year manager [jdover@rydaacademy.org](mailto:jdover@rydaacademy.org) or myself at [imerrett@rydeacademy.org](mailto:imerrett@rydeacademy.org).

We wish you all the best during this time of uncertainty and we hope that you and your family stay safe.

Your faithfully



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