

To the Parent/Carer of

June 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

Admission to Pendle Vale College September 2021

Firstly, congratulations once more on gaining a place at Pendle Vale. We find ourselves heavily over-subscribed again this year with over 300 applications for our 210 places available, meaning that you are extremely fortunate to have secured a place at our wonderful school. If you haven't already done so can we please ask you to complete the admission form to secure your child's place with us by **Friday 18 June**. The admission form can be found at <https://forms.office.com/r/xTH2k0fcmE>.

We hope this letter finds you and your family well. As I write, Covid 19 numbers in Lancashire continue to rise and there is an indication that the easing of restrictions may be postponed. With this in mind the Heads of the local secondary schools in Pendle have agreed that the proposed Transition days for Year 6 students at the end of June should be postponed until your child joins us in September. I am therefore writing today to bring you up to date with plans we have in relation to supporting your child in their transition to Pendle Vale.

Visits to Primary School by our Transition Team

All children will be visited in their current primary school. Our visits have already commenced and are still going ahead. A member of our team will meet with your child in their primary school with other children who are joining us at Pendle Vale. This will allow your child to ask questions about joining secondary school and life at Pendle Vale.

Information for parents and students

We are creating a specific Transition page on our website www.pendlevale.lancs.sch.uk. This will be a dedicated page for you and your child and will include key information about the Transition to Pendle Vale. There will be a tour of the college, videos from staff, messages from students as well as our Parent Handbook. We are also planning to host a virtual transition evening via the website which will include the Headteacher's presentation that would normally be given at this event. Following this there will be an opportunity to post questions to our transition team and we will share frequently asked questions with you all.

Summer School

Summer schools are being supported nationally by the government as an excellent opportunity to support your child's learning and transition into secondary school. You will have received a letter regarding booking your child on to summer school, we strongly recommend your child attends as this will be their first opportunity to visit Pendle Vale; meet new friends and to get to know some of our staff as well as the school building. We are planning to deliver key sessions around literacy, numeracy and creative subjects including sports to ensure

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students are ready to make progress when the new academic year starts in September. The link to book your child onto summer school is <https://forms.office.com/r/sDS5ku0skf>.

Communication

We will ensure that all key information about your child's Transition is updated on our website. If you do not have access to the website please contact school and we will arrange to contact you via another method.

Should you have any concerns or questions that cannot be answered by the information on the website please feel free to contact us by email and we will get back to you.

September 2021

Your child's first day with us will be Thursday 2 September. Your child should arrive on site for 8.50am in their full school uniform excluding a tie which will be provided on their first day. Students should be dropped off at the main gate and there will be staff there to meet them and direct them to the correct door. School will finish at 2.55pm and students will leave at the main gate.

In the meantime, we wish you and your family well. Take care and stay safe.

Yours sincerely



Mr O Handley
Headteacher