



RIDGEWOOD  
HIGH SCHOOL

21<sup>st</sup> June 2023

Dear Parents and Guardians,

### **Induction Day and Evening Arrangements**

I hope that this letter finds you well. I cannot believe that we are so close to the end of another year, the time has certainly flown since we first contacted you in March! I am writing to let you know the arrangements for induction day and evening. Our tutor team have planned some lovely activities for our new Year 7s and are looking forward to meeting them all on induction day, and with you on induction evening. They will get plenty of time to meet their tutor group on Induction Day and we tend to find that the nerves quickly disappear once they put faces to names! Miss Gower and Mrs Du Mont have been visiting primary schools to meet our new students. Information about their tutor groups will be sent out to you shortly as we are finalising the groupings in the next week.

Mrs Du Mont is busy working her way through parent calls currently and is doing this one primary school at a time. Please do not worry if she has not called you yet, she will be continuing to make calls until all our families have been contacted. If she misses you, she will leave a message and send a follow up email as well, to let you know she is trying to call. We have also started meeting with our local primary feeder schools and our SENCO Mrs Rose will also be meeting with the SENCOs from each of the primary schools, to ensure we have all the correct and up to date information for any students with additional needs. If you feel there is any further information you wish to share or need, please do not hesitate to contact me on [primary@ridgewood.dudley.sch.uk](mailto:primary@ridgewood.dudley.sch.uk) and I will be happy to help.

**Induction Day:** On Induction Day on 6<sup>th</sup> July, all our new students need to come to school in their **PE kit** as they will be taking part in some practical activities. It is important that they have something warm or waterproof to wear in case the great British summer isn't so great! They also need a water bottle and can bring packed lunches and their own snacks for morning break time. We are a nut free school so please ensure no food brought into school contains nuts of any kind. We will be doing a food service for lunch in the canteen so they can bring some money if they want to buy sandwiches or hot food on the day. Around £3.00 is plenty for this.

On the morning of Induction Day please bring your child to the main gate on Park Road West from 9.00-9.15am. Please do not arrive any earlier than 9.00am as this will help us with the traffic on the road and prevent the road from blocking up with other parents dropping off their children. There will be staff at the gate to direct you to where you can park your car to drop off your child or if you are walking them to school to meet and greet you all on their arrival.

Our tutors will then spend the day with the new year group and the children will be involved in a carousel of activities throughout the day that enables them to meet their new form, year group and start to build those important friendships. These activities include Music with Miss Haines, Dance with Miss Truslove, team building with Mr Ramsey and 'The Great Debate' with Ms Shaw. They will also be supported by our new Primary Liaison Student Leadership team, so they will get a chance to meet some of the older students in the school as well who will also be working with them in September.

The day will finish at 2.30pm and we ask that you collect your child between 2.30pm and 2.45pm from the main Reception area. Parking will be available on school site in the main visitors car park if you are driving. We do have limited parking on site, so if it is possible to either car share or not use the car that would help reduce the needs of

our car park. Staff will be on the gate to direct you at the end of the day. For students who are walking home, you can meet them at Reception when our team bring them out at the end of the day.

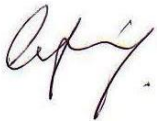
**Induction Evening:** Our Induction Evening starts at 6.00pm on 6<sup>th</sup> July. Parking will be available in the main visitor car park opposite Reception and the parking bays as well. Please arrive from around 5.45pm and come to the main Reception where you will meet your child's form tutor. On the evening, there will be a half hour welcome talk in the hall from our Headteacher Mrs Cope, Miss Gower and our Head Prefects who will ensure you get to know about us and our school. You will also get a chance to meet your child's form tutor and go through some key information. Upon arrival, you will be given a group which dictates which activity you will follow first. The evening will conclude at 7.30pm but you are welcome to leave when you have completed both activities.

**Uniform:** Uniform and PE kit can be ordered from Totally Uniform in Oldswinford. You will get a full induction pack on the evening which will also be available to view on our website.

If you have any further questions please do not hesitate to contact me on [primary@ridgewood.dudley.sch.uk](mailto:primary@ridgewood.dudley.sch.uk) and I will be happy to assist you.

We cannot wait to meet you all!

Yours faithfully,



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