

7<sup>th</sup> May 2020

Dear new year 7 student and your parents/carers,

Welcome to Team Durrington!

I am delighted to contact you and introduce myself. My name is Naomi Bridgeman-Sweeney and I am Durrington High School's Head of Transition. This initial, brief introduction, is just to give you an update on where we are this term preparing for your child to become part of the Durrington family in September 2020. Although many of your children are not physically in schools at the moment, we are working hard in the background to get everything up and running ready for them when they join Durrington. As soon as we are safely able to, we will look to finding ways of working more directly with you and your child.

#### **Administration**

- Hopefully, you have all sent us your 3 forms (MFL language choice / green medical information form / blue admissions form). If you haven't done so, please send as soon as possible.
- I will be contacting you soon about uniform, first day of term and (if it goes ahead in West Sussex) New Intake Day. Until then, a range of current information can be found via the school website

#### **Ongoing communication**

Please, if you can, follow us on via our social media streams. This will make being part of our community, and keeping up-to-date, much quicker and easier for you!

- **Twitter:** <https://twitter.com/durringtonhigh?lang=en>
- **Facebook:** <https://www.facebook.com/DurringtonHighSchool/>

We plan to be in contact with you by email regularly from now onwards. This will be a mixture of formal updates and also things we want to share directly with your son/daughter as they prepare for transition. The key thing for us, no matter how the current challenging situation evolves, is to reduce anxiety/worry and encourage your child to be more excited about joining our school/Team Durrington.

We look forward to getting to know as many of you as possible (however this happens) this side of the summer break.

Please do take care, stay safe, and don't hesitate to get in touch if you have an urgent question.

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