



Ref: KCR/ESM

Date: 27 May 2022

Dear parent/carer

### UPCOMING TRANSITION INFORMATION

As we approach the May half-term, I would like to take this opportunity to provide you details about our planned Transition days, as well as information about other forthcoming events which will contribute towards securing a smooth transition process for your child in September 2022.

For all the Transition Days, students should wear their Primary School uniform and bring with them their pencil case and water bottle.

Each day, all students will be met in Reception and be directed to their group leader. They will be in a group with other students from their Primary School and will take part in a range of activities and taster lessons. The theme for this year's Transition is the Queen's Jubilee, and so the groupings for the Transition Days have been named after Commonwealth Countries. Your child has been allocated the following country:

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For all Transition Days, please ensure that your child is dropped off outside school for 08:15 where they will be greeted by a member of the Transition Team who will direct them to their Group Leader. To alleviate any worries your child may have about locating you at the end of the day, we request that you use our parking facilities. Alternatively, your child may wish to walk or catch the school bus home. It is worthy of note that this is also the end of the day for the whole school so would advise you arrive early as the site gets very busy.

If your child requires any ongoing medication such as Asthma inhalers please do ensure that they bring this with them for all Transition Days.

### TRANSITION DAY 1

**Tuesday 14 June 2022 from 08:20 to 14:50**

We are looking forward to welcoming students for their first Transition Day. On Transition Day 1, your child will be supplied with a drink and snack for breaktime, but they will need to bring a packed lunch with them for lunchtime. We request that no nut products are included in packed lunches as we do have students with severe, airborne nut allergies in school.



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**During this first Transition Day, we will take the opportunity to complete biometric scanning which will allow students to access the cashless catering system in operation at PGS. We do require your consent for this, which formed part Microsoft Form that was emailed out. Could I request, if you have not already done so, that you complete this as soon as possible. We will be unable to complete this essential task for your child if we do not have consent from yourself.**

### **TRANSITION DAY 2**

**Wednesday 22 June 2022 from 08:20 to 14:50**

Our second Transition Day will enable students to experience a real 'day in the life' of a PGS student. Your child will follow a timetable for the day, full of exciting taster lessons and find their own way around school. We request that your child brings a snack and drink with them for morning break, however they will have the opportunity to buy a school meal, should they wish to, at lunchtime (students who don't want to buy a school lunch should bring a packed lunch).

### **TRANSITION DAY 3**

**Monday 27 June 2022 from 08:20 to 14:50**

On the third Taster Day, the focus will be slightly different, students will participate in a range of activities designed to help us to get to know more about their knowledge. Students will once again have the opportunity to find their way around school, have time to socialise with other students and have the opportunity to purchase food and a drink at break and lunch times.

Our cashless system is supported by the ParentPay app. You will receive your log in details for this in July 2022. We will allow your child to buy food at break and lunch times as detailed above with the understanding that your account will be in debit and this balance will need to be paid as well as putting money on the account for future purchases. Please contact us if your child currently receives free school meals.

### **PARENTS' EVENINGS**

**Monday 27 June 2022 from 17:00-18:00 and repeated at 18:30-19:30 (in person)**

We are extremely pleased to be able to hold our Parents' Evening in person at school this year. The evening will be a presentation specifically for parents/carers from Mr Crook, Principal and Mrs Crook, Assistant Principal/Transition Lead. This will provide information regarding the practicalities of your child starting at Penistone Grammar School. There will also be the opportunity to ask any questions you may have.

Both sessions will cover the same aspects, so parents/carers only need to attend one. Please note that due to the capacity of our Lecture theatre, spaces are limited to two per child. As the evening is aimed at parents/carers there is no requirement for your child to attend. If this is unavoidable, your child will take one of the two allocated places. We will require you to book onto either session, booking arrangements will be sent out by email nearer the time.

### **POLITE REMINDERS**

A polite reminder to order your child's uniform and PE kit. We will inform you of your child's House so you can order the relevant coloured tie in June 2022. We have been informed that the deadline for ordering PE kit has been brought forward to 1 July 2022.

I am aware that I've included a lot of information within this letter, should you need any further details or information, please don't hesitate to contact me via [transition@penistone-gs.uk](mailto:transition@penistone-gs.uk).

We look forward to seeing you for our exciting Transition Days.

Yours sincerely



Mrs K Crook  
**Assistant Principal/Transition Lead**



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