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Dear Parents and Carers,

We are delighted to hear that your son/daughter has been allocated a place at Wreake Valley Academy and we look forward to welcoming you to our school.

We take our responsibility to Year 6 very seriously and we will support pupils and their families throughout the transition period from primary school to secondary school. Over the next 6 months, you will receive all the relevant information you will need to prepare for secondary school, such as uniform, uniform suppliers, times of the school day, routines, cashless catering, curriculum details, pastoral care, buses and Special Education Needs provision. Our transition arrangements will adapt and respond to government guidelines as they did last year, and we will invite Year 6 into Wreake Valley as soon as we can.

In the meantime, we will be working closely with primary schools to ensure continuity of the curriculum and pastoral care. We will listen carefully to the advice and guidance Year 6 teachers provide on how best to support the individual child.

We have included the transition programme from March to August 2021 and will endeavour to make the transition experience smooth and as worry free as possible. The Roundhill Academy and Wreake Valley Academy (The Bradgate Secondary schools) have a joint transition programme to ensure that Year 6 pupils in the local area have a shared experience.

We will remain in close contact with families during the spring and summer terms, and we will keep you informed of plans for the beginning of the autumn term 2021. Please do not hesitate to contact us at bnuttall@wreake.bepschools.org, or rboyall@wreake.bepschools.org. Alternatively, call 0116 2641080 if you have any queries, would like to speak to a member of staff or need to update any contact details.

We are looking forward to the time when we can welcome families to Wreake Valley and we wish you and your families the very best of health.

Yours sincerely,

Belinda Nuttall

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Transition Programme 2021

Beginning of March 2021	<p>Pupils are notified of their allocated school.</p> <p>Welcome packs are sent home.</p> <p>The SENDCo Jeanette Knowles, will begin the process of supporting children with additional needs.</p>
March 2021	<p>Keeping in contact with families:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> An email group will be set up with Parents/Carers. This will be used to provide on-going information, and parents/carers will be provided with a direct email contact to use if there are any questions. Please keep us informed of any changes to contact details. A WVA Year 7 Starters 2021 Facebook group will also be used for families to keep in touch. A Year 7 Starters 2021 tab will be added to the Wreake Valley Academy website. All letters that are sent home and any other information on starting at secondary school will be posted here, including an introduction to key members of staff.
April 2021	<p>Student information forms sent electronically to parents/carers. These need completing and returning by the end of April. Paper copies will be available on request. More information will follow nearer the time.</p>
April/May 2021	<p>Information booklets posted home:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 'Parents and Carers Guide to Year 7 Starting at Wreake Valley Academy 2021' booklet. This includes detail about uniform, wise pay, buses, times of the school day, term dates, behaviour and expectations and staff contact details. 'Year 7 Handbook' which includes information about tutors, Head of Year, pastoral staff, SEND staff, a typical timetable, uniform, expectations, equipment, sports, clubs and activities, the start of the autumn term, and answers to frequently asked questions.
May 2021	<p>Transition staff from Wreake Valley will visit Year 6. This will hopefully take place at the primary schools, but if there are still restrictions this will be a Teams Meeting with Year 6 at the primary schools. There will be an opportunity for pupils to ask questions.</p> <p>Year 6 are invited to contribute to a Year 6 Newspaper.</p>
May 2021	<p>Transition staff to meet with Year 6 teachers to discuss individual pupils and begin the handing over process.</p>
June 2021	<p>Tutor groups:</p> <p>Year 6 will be told which Year 7 tutor group they will be in, and who their tutor will be. Head of Year 7 and Year 7 Form Tutors to broadcast live to the primary schools to introduce themselves. There is a chance for pupils to ask questions.</p>
June 2021	<p>Year 6 invited to a day of sports and games. This will be tutor group based and Year 6 will be representing their new tutor group. If there are restrictions still in place this will be a virtual sports day. The date will be confirmed nearer the time with details of arrangements.</p>
Wednesday 30 th June and Thursday 1 st July 2021	<p>Welcome Days:</p> <p>All new Year 7 students will spend two days at Wreake Valley. Students will meet with their tutor, Head of Year and other subject teachers. If there are still restrictions in place this will be rescheduled for the beginning of the autumn term. More details will be given nearer the time.</p>
Wednesday 30 th June 2021	<p>New Year 7 Parents Evening</p> <p>Parents/Carers are invited to meet the Year 7 Tutors together with an opportunity to meet the Headteacher, Assistant Headteacher, SENDCo, and Head of Year. This will be rescheduled for the beginning of the autumn term if there are restrictions still in place.</p>
Beginning of the Autumn Term August 2021 (Date to be confirmed)	<p>'Moving Forward Together Day'. There is a staggered start to the autumn term. Year 7 will spend the first part of the morning with their tutor. After break time, students will follow their new timetable and start their subject lessons. Details will be sent home nearer the time.</p>