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Dear Parents and Carers

Registration for new Year 7 students starting in September 2021

I hope that this letter finds you well and coping during what is a very challenging situation for the whole country. I would like to thank you once again for choosing Tupton Hall School as the secondary school for your child. Be assured that our staff will work closely with you and your child between now and September to ensure you get the necessary support as you join the Tupton Hall family and start the journey into secondary school and beyond.

I want to take this opportunity to tell you about some developments we are working on to make the transition to secondary school as smooth as possible over the coming weeks and months. By now our Transition Team would normally be visiting partner primary schools to help parents register with us and to share important information about starting school. Due to the uncertainty around the possibility of visiting other school sites we have made all the information you need available online.

Registering your child with us

Please complete our [online registration form](#) as soon as possible. The form asks for essential information like contact details, any special medical or dietary requirements, if your child has a sibling already in school as well as a survey on 'travel to school' which is required by the Government. We kindly ask that you complete the form online by **Tuesday 1 June**. If you don't have internet access, please complete the paper version accompanying this letter and return it to us, by post, by the same date.

Transitioning to Tupton Hall School

The transition programme offered by Tupton Hall School had been significantly enhanced, unfortunately the current pandemic doesn't allow for our planned programme to go ahead. Instead we are dedicating **Friday 3 September as The Year 7 Transition Day** when all Year 7 students will be in school, without the students in Years 8-11, to help them prepare for the expectations and routines of secondary school. We are working on several resources such as interactive school tour maps and online transition to provide your son/daughter with every opportunity to explore aspects of life at Tupton Hall before the summer break. Equally, it will enable teaching staff to work with students to ensure learning continues to progress and your child continues to thrive.

Until then, you may find the answers to some of your questions or concerns on our website and social media channels. Head to the [Registration page](#) of our website where there is useful information about registering with us, ways to let us know a bit more about you and your child, and ideas to help you prepare for secondary school – including how to order school uniform (online). **Please note: we are recommending ordering uniform by the end of May**, to ensure our supplier can meet demand in time for the new school year. Here you will also find the Tupton Hall student [online registration form](#). We have accompanied this letter with a paper version for those without internet access. We kindly ask that this is completed and submitted/returned to us prior to **Tuesday 1 June**.



Our [Transition page](#) has videos of students and parents talking openly about their first year with us. We will be updating it with answers to our most frequently asked questions about moving up to Tupton Hall. Virtual tours of the school will also be added here soon and shared on our Transition Twitter account [@MovingUpTupton](#). Follow us on Twitter to find out more about life at Tupton Hall and tips on how you and your child can prepare for starting with us.

Your needs, and those of your child/ren, are at the forefront of our actions. We are here to offer support and address any questions or concerns during what we recognise is a worrying time for everyone. Any further questions can be emailed to our Transition Leader Mrs Charlotte Sinclair csinclair@tuptonhall.derbyshire.sch.uk

Yours faithfully

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