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Dear Parent/Carer,

Transition to Farlingaye

I am writing to you with an update concerning transition arrangements for Year 6 to Farlingaye. It has been a challenging time for everyone and, as you know, we have had to cancel all New Intake events so far, in line with Government guidance. This means that the interviews, taster day and parent/carers evening did not take place. Unfortunately, it does not appear that Government guidance will change enough for those events to take place at all this academic year.

I realise, therefore, that many of you will want to know more about what plans we do have after my last communication to cancel the New Intake events.

Firstly, I would like to remind everyone about keeping an eye on the school website. If you have not done so already, please have a look at our two introductory booklets. One is for students and aims to help them with any questions they might have. The other is for parents/carers and is much more factual, with guidance about transport, uniform and so on. Please note that on our website, there is also guidance from Coes on uniform and how to obtain it from them:

<http://www.farlingaye.suffolk.sch.uk/Parents/ParentInformationPack/>

Some parents have asked about access to second hand uniform. Unfortunately, it has not been possible to provide this service at the moment, because of concerns over trying clothes on and the hygiene implications. However, if you have any concerns about uniform, please do let us know.

As a result of not having the New Intake Interviews, we created online ways to try to recreate that conversation. If you have not yet filled in the questionnaire online about your child, please do so via the website.

Furthermore, it is vital that if you have not yet filled in the Admissions Form, please do so as soon as possible. This information is very important for us. Please contact the school if you need another copy.

I would like to reassure you that we have had many pieces of information from primary schools about Year 6. We are currently in the process of putting this information together to create form groups. This is at about the same time as we did this last year. We will then send that information home to individual students with tasks they can do to introduce themselves to their new form teachers.

Finally, we have now added a **virtual tour of the school** to the website. We hope that this gives you an idea of what the school is like. We have included a number of people who we know will be important to Year 6 when they arrive as new Year 7s.

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I would just like to end by saying that everyone here at Farlingaye is really looking forward to Year 6 coming to join us. Clearly, this is not the way we would have wanted transition to happen, but I hope this helps begin the process for you all. As new information becomes available, we will send it to you.

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'T Read', with a small horizontal line at the end.

Mr T Read.