



21 March 2022

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome and Congratulations – You are Joining us at Finham Park School

I write to warmly welcome you to Finham Park School and give you some information regarding your child's transition to secondary school.

Parents Evening – Wednesday 29 June 2022

I would like to invite you to a meeting for all new Year 7 parents in the Sports Hall at 6pm. This will be an opportunity to meet the Leadership Team as well as some teaching staff and to share important information with you. Your child does not need to attend this meeting as they will receive all the information they require on transition day. However, we do encourage all parents to attend, even if you already have children in the school.

Transition Day – Wednesday 6 July 2022

All children in Year 6 across Coventry will spend this day at their allocated secondary school. Your child will attend here from 8.50am to 3pm and should wear appropriate clothing, as their school uniform is not required. They should bring a pen, pencil and notebook. They can bring a packed lunch or they can have a go at buying their lunch from the canteen using our cashless system – ParentPay and further information will be sent to you in due course re setting this up for your child.

Modern Foreign Language Classes

Your child will be assigned French, German or Spanish to study. There is also an option to study Mandarin by following a slightly different curriculum route:

Mandarin Excellence Programme (MEP)

Students who choose to study Mandarin will join an exciting and exclusive programme called the Mandarin Excellence Programme. Your child will follow a slightly different curriculum route with more language lessons per week and study Mandarin for five years. Students also participate in various cultural activities including collaborated intensive study days and a trip to China, funded by the Department for Education, UCL Institute of Education and British Council. It is truly a valuable opportunity to learn Mandarin here, students learning Mandarin feel empowered, knowing that they can explore opportunities beyond Europe and English-speaking countries. It is also a challenging language to learn which will require much commitment and independent studies. If you are interested in this, please visit our MEP page <https://finhampark.com/department/mep/> and fill in the Expression of Interest Form at the bottom of the web page. We also invite you to attend the MEP open evening and taster lesson on 7th April at 4:30pm. If you would like more information about MEP, please do let us know by emailing fpstransition@finhampark.co.uk.



Pupil Premium

At Finham Park, we are committed to supporting our Pupil Premium/Free School Meal students on their journey through secondary school and beyond. We can help provide additional mentoring, academic support, breakfast clubs, assistance with school trips, equipment and uniform as well as free music lessons and lots more. We take pride in working closely with families, so if you are a current Pupil Premium/FSM family and have any questions about how Pupil Premium funding will be used for your child whilst at Finham, then please contact our Pupil Premium Experience Lead, Josh Bingham (j.bingham@finhampark.co.uk), who will be happy to help. If your child is not currently receiving Free School Meals but you believe you may qualify then please apply through Coventry Council via the link below. This will enable your child to get the support that they are entitled to from the moment they start in September.

https://www.coventry.gov.uk/info/54/benefits/168/free_school_meals/2.

Road Safety

Coventry's Road Safety Officer has asked us to remind you of their particular concerns with road safety in relation to Year 6 children. We would ask you to assist by helping your child to plan a safe route to school and by reminding your child of the usual road safety rules.

School Uniform

We enclose a copy of the school's requirements on uniform and ask for your support with this.

Friends of Finham

If you are interested in joining the Friends of Finham (PTA) who aim to raise money for the school, please write to Mrs Case at the school's address.

Information to help us communicate with you

Please complete and return to us the four forms enclosed, by 3 May 2022:

1. Student confidential admission form
2. Letter regarding SchoolComms – detailing the best email address for you
3. Student biometric and photograph image consent form (yellow paper)
4. Consent form for school trips and other off-site activities (peach paper).

I look forward to meeting you and working together to support your child as they enter the next stage of their education.

Yours faithfully

Mr Chris Bishop - Headteacher