



Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2021

Dear Parent/Carer and Student,

## Welcome to Aylesford School

We are delighted that you have received an offer of a place at Aylesford School for September 2021. We are also looking forward to welcoming you to our transition events; designed to give you an opportunity to get to know Aylesford School a little better. We want to make you feel part of our school community and let you know that we are here to support you through, what can be a daunting but very exciting process.

I am aware that students have had an unsettled academic year to date, so we would like to give students a number of opportunities to gain as much experience of the school as possible prior to their September 2021 start, to support the transition from primary school to secondary school. The proposed dates have been scheduled under current government guidelines and may be subject to change. We will notify you if there are any changes to the schedule due to changing government guidelines.

Please click the link below and complete the personal admission details about your child. This is really important as it will allow us to enrol your child ready for their start date in September. This information needs to be submitted prior to the Meet The Senior Leadership Team event on **Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> June 2021**.

Please follow this link in order to complete your child's admissions form. If there are any issues with this please contact us and we will be happy to support you with this process. You will find our contact details at the end of this letter. <https://forms.gle/iMGQTG9kQBeEPEg8A>

## Meet The Senior Leadership Team

There will be an opportunity for students and parents to meet a member of the Senior Leadership Team on **Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> June 2021**. This event will take place in school between **3:30pm-7:00pm**. You will be emailed a specific time slot in due course which will outline your appointment time and who you will be meeting. This will be a good opportunity to ask any questions about the school or express any concerns that you may have. Further details will be communicated to you in due course regarding this event.

## Year 6 Induction day

There is a planned transition day for current year 6 students to visit Aylesford School on **Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> June 2021**. Students may not have previously visited the school; this is an excellent opportunity to see the running of the school and to experience a day of lessons. Please make sure that students attend with a packed lunch, they should also come dressed in their PE kits. The induction day will be a normal school day 8:30am-3:00pm and students should go to Reception where they will be greeted by a member of staff.

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## Meet The Mentor & Assessment Morning

On **Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2021** there is a planned session between 8:45am-1:00pm for students to attend school to meet their Mentor teacher and their fellow peers who will also be in their mentor group. Students will also undertake CATs assessments (Cognitive Abilities Tests) during this morning so that we have a better understanding of their current levels and can ensure that the right support is in place for each child to reach their full potential. Students should bring a snack and plenty of water for the session but they will not need lunch as the session will finish at 1:00pm.

## Afterschool Taster Sessions

Aylesford School will be delivering a number of optional taster sessions throughout term 5, this will provide students with opportunities to experience a typical lesson at Aylesford School. These sessions are likely to be very popular so please ensure that you sign up for them as soon as possible to avoid disappointment. Please follow the link below to book a place. Parents/carers are welcome to wait in our canteen while students participate in the sessions, Miss Kelvie and Miss Duff will be there to discuss any questions you may have.

Please confirm your child's attendance by following this link: <https://forms.gle/miNb3zfKYNMPfGv18>

Date	Time	Session
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> April	3:45pm-4:45pm	PE (Students should arrive in PE Kit)
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> April	3:45pm-4:45pm	Art, Design and Technology
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> May	3:45pm-4:45pm	Maths
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> May	3:45pm-4:45pm	English
Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> May	3:45pm-4:45pm	Science

## Overview of Key Transition Dates

Please also remember that as well as the dates below there is an optional opportunity to attend the transition events running in April/May (see Afterschool Taster Sessions scheduled above)

**Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> June 2021** Meet the Leadership Team (You will receive an email with a specific time in due course)

**Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> June 2021** Year 6 Induction day (8:30am-3:00pm)

**Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2021** Meet The Mentor And Assessment Morning (8:45am-1:00pm)

**Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2021** Year 7 First Day (8:30am-3:00pm)

The term dates for the next academic year can be found on the school website and the first official day for year 7 students to attend school is **Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2021**. Students should arrive by **8:30am and the school day will finish at 3:00pm**. Please ensure that students attend their first day at school with a packed lunch and plenty of water. They should also bring their PE kits with them.

If students are expecting to use public transport when they start in September, bus passes cannot be ordered through the school, they should be ordered through Kent County Council. Bus passes are usually delivered to school during the first week of term and we will distribute them to students once they arrive.

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There will be lots of opportunities to get to know me, the year 7 team and Aylesford School over the next few months and we will do our best to support the transition from primary school to secondary school. We do appreciate that some students may need some additional transition support therefore our SENCO Miss Duff will be communicating with primary schools to offer some extra support to identified students. If you feel that your child is likely to need additional support please contact Miss Duff directly and she can arrange this with you.

Due to recent restrictions we also appreciate that some students may not have had an opportunity to visit the school during the school day and may wish to have a tour with the Headteacher Miss Kelvie. Please contact Miss Kelvie directly if this is something you would like to do and she will arrange a time and a date with you. You will find her contact details below.

Developing academic success and good character is the key vision at Aylesford School and we look forward to supporting students on their journey to become successful, well-rounded individuals. We have also attached useful letters to this email, which provide information about uniform and equipment. In the meantime, it would be a good idea to join our Facebook page and regularly check the school website to ensure that you are up to date with all transition information. Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate in contacting Aylesford School and we will be happy to help you with any questions you have.

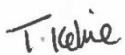
### Useful Email Addresses

Headteacher: [Tanya.kelvie@aylesford.kent.sch.uk](mailto:Tanya.kelvie@aylesford.kent.sch.uk)

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Yours sincerely,



Miss T Kelvie

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