

13th June 2025

Dear Parent/Carer,

Transition Information

We would like to take this opportunity to once more welcome you and your child to the St Aidan's family. We are very much looking forward to your child joining us in September and have enjoyed meeting many of them at their primary schools over the last few weeks- they certainly seem excited and ready for the next big step in their education and have asked us some brilliant questions!

There are a number of opportunities for you and your child to visit St Aidan's over the coming weeks:

19th June- students from smaller primary schools have been invited to attend a morning in school together so that they can meet each other before the full transition day

30th June- Transition Day for all students

2nd-3rd July- Spotlight, our Key Stage 3 performing arts show will take place in Constance Green Hall at 7pm. Details of how to buy tickets for this will be sent out shortly

5th July- you are warmly invited to a fun afternoon at Family Fest, a fund-raising event organised by our brilliant parent group FOSA, where there will be games, stalls, a football tournament, music and much more. Again, more details to follow

10th July (please note the change of date from 30th June) - Parents/Carers' Information Evening.

Transition Day

The full day induction for all new Year 7 pupils is on Monday 30th June.

Please can students arrive from 8:30am onwards ahead of the school day starting at 8:45am. We ask that Parents/Carers drop off students outside the school gates and say their goodbyes on Oatlands Drive. Members of staff will be available to greet students.

Students should wear:

- Current Primary School uniform (no PE kit)
- Trainers that are suitable for outside use.

Please can students bring with them:

- A school bag
- A pen or pencil
- A full bottle of water in a refillable bottle
- £3.50 to cover the cost of lunch (snacks will be provided at break) or bring a packed lunch. Students in receipt of Free School Meals will be provided with a school lunch.

During one lesson there will be the opportunity for musicians to take part in our Transition Day Band! If any students play a woodwind or brass instrument (sorry, no recorders), string instrument (sorry, no guitars) or percussion, please encourage them to bring along their instrument to join in the ensemble.

End of Transition Day Arrangements

As many students in Year 6 walk to and from their current school we anticipate that many will have your permission to walk home when the day finishes at 3:15pm. Should you need to collect your child this can be arranged. Students will be released from Constance Green Hall which is located at the top of the school site, near to the Stray. If you are collecting your child please wait in the car park adjacent to Constance Green Hall. Please note there will be no parking available on the school site.

Please complete the short form below to confirm the arrangements for your child by **Wednesday 25th June**.

Departure from Transition Day

Parent/Carer Information Evening

We are looking forward to welcoming parents/carers to our Information Evening on **Thursday 10th July (please note the change of date from 30th June)**. The aim of the evening is to provide lots of useful and practical information for you to help make your child's transition to secondary school as smooth as possible. All parents/carers are welcome, but it will be particularly useful for those families that are new to St Aidan's.

The evening will be held in Constance Green Hall and will start with refreshments at 6:45pm before a presentation starting at 7pm. We anticipate that we will finish by 7:45pm. Parking is available in the car park adjacent to Constance Green Hall. If you park in the main school car park, please walk up to Constance Green via the footpath on Oatlands Drive.

ArborPay and our first trip!

ArborPay is the cashless payment system that we use for meals, trips and any other payments that arise. The school is **fully cashless** so all payments must be made online through this system. Arbor login details were emailed out to parents on 14 May. Please check your junk/ spam emails if you have not yet seen this. For any support logging in to Arbor or if you are unable to locate the original email, please contact arbor@staidans.co.uk where a member of staff will support you further.

In the very near future we will be sending you details about our exciting Year 7 residential trip to Northumberland which will take place in October; activating your Arbor account will enable you to make payment for the trip should your child wish to participate in it. We hope that as many Year 7 students as possible will join us on this educational team building experience.

Thank you for your careful attention to the information in this letter. As ever, if you have any questions please contact us at admissions@staidans.co.uk.

We look forward to getting to know our new students and their families over the next few weeks and hope to see you all at one of our events soon.

Yours faithfully
The Transition Team