



HEANOR GATE SCIENCE COLLEGE

“Develop all learners to achieve their full potential”
“Create a culture of aspiration”

Principal: **Mr S Huntington**



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Dear Parents/Carers

Transition

With new advice and guidance being received regularly from both education and government sources, decisions at a school level regarding the suitability of transition events has been uncertain. Much deliberation has been taking place amongst various groups of school leaders and the latest joint advice from the Director of Children's Services and the Director of Public Health suggest that;

“The DfE are keen not to restrict individual settings from designing events which maintain the integrity of bubbles or consistent groups and adhere to the system of controls in place.”

After careful consideration of this advice and discussions with the Spencer Academies Trust we have amended our transition programme to ensure all of our larger feeder schools remain in their primary school bubbles for the duration of their transition. We are keen to go ahead with our transition with the additional precautions in place as we feel we are able to maintain the integrity of the primary bubbles, whilst understanding the positive impact transition has for incoming Year 7 students.

In addition to the COVID safety measures we outlined in our previous correspondence, we will also be requesting that staff who teach or lead any primary children during the process take additional lateral flow tests daily.

Unfortunately, due to the guidance around not compromising bubbles, we are having to cancel our final celebration event and mini sports day. This means your child will attend their primary school as normal on Friday 16 July.

We sincerely hope you can appreciate we are doing everything we possibly can to reduce risk and allow these days to go ahead; however, with an ever-changing picture and the fact that many things are out of our control, we may need to cancel events at very short notice due to increased infection rates or a local outbreak.

In order for your child to take part in the transition events you must have read the risk assessment and given parent/carer consent. The form for this was provided previously, but **for anyone who is still to provide consent** the link is below:

→ [Transition Programme Attendance Google Form](#)

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSffU22x5-uvWvqkZ-uXsekvv7LcvW8sG7uV8eNDwG18rFQXWw/viewform>

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Summer School

Given the government's plans to remove restrictions on social interactions on Monday 19 July, our intention is that our summer school programme, taking place week commencing Monday 26 July, should still be able to go ahead. So far over 50% of the incoming Year 7 students have signed up to our summer school which is fantastic, and if you haven't already signed up we would strongly advise you to do so. Click the link below to register your child's interest.

→ [Summer School Attendance Google Form](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeMlgWG6LKv2IfgDLXZcblCw1y53LOf-gqwJ2a0WtP1plovq/viewform?usp=sf_link)

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We look forward to having your children join us from next week. If you have any questions please do not hesitate to get in touch with Mrs Lynam our Transition Coordinator.

Yours sincerely



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Executive Principal



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