



# HEANOR GATE SCIENCE COLLEGE

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“Create a culture of aspiration”

Principal: **Mr S Huntington**



25 June 2021

Dear Parents/Carers

## Re. Small feeder school transition programme postponed

With the new Covid-19 variant proving to be much more virile and transmissible, guidelines around school events are ever changing. As a result of the government's decision to delay the reopening of society (originally scheduled for June 21 2021), we have been forced to postpone or cancel various events in our school calendar such as school proms, summer concerts, awards evenings etc.

After receiving advice from numerous education and government sources in regards to maintaining bubbles, it has been decided that we will unfortunately have to postpone our small feeder transition sessions on the following dates: Wednesday 30 June, Wednesday 7 July, Wednesday 14 July and Friday 16 July.

The Director of Schools and Learning (Children's Services) and the Director of Public Health in Derbyshire sent guidance this week stating that *'traditional transitional and open days are unlikely to be feasible this academic year. 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.'*

Public Health England and the Department of Education also advised that *'it is unlikely to be feasible with the current restrictions in place'* and that *'risk assessments that maintain current guidelines need to be adhered to.'*

After careful consideration of this advice and discussions with the Spencer Academies Trust we have agreed that our plans for our small feeder school transition would be unfeasible due to being unable to maintain the integrity of bubbles, therefore we have been left with no alternative but to postpone the planned events.

We completely understand your frustrations and share these given the inordinate amounts of work that has gone into planning the proposed events. We genuinely want to support your child in gaining an experience of life at Heanor Gate and so we are working to try and rearrange your child's transition programme to the following dates: Monday 19 July, Tuesday 20 July and Wednesday 21 July. This will be in line with the government's roadmap for the lifting of restrictions on social interactions on Monday 19 July, and therefore will remove the need for students from smaller schools to be kept in their existing primary school bubbles.

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.

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Please confirm your interest in your child attending the rearranged transition programme on the new dates by clicking the link below.

→ [Small Feeder School Transition Programme \(new dates\) Attendance Google Form](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc1pwkDIWBU94EG6mf0_WR6GVDI2zeJTw1HjYZEktvjKsWBw/viewform)

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Additionally, 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 by clicking the link below.

→ [Summer School Attendance Google Form](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeMlgWG6LkV2llfgDLXZcblCw1y53LOf-gqwJ2a0WtPlplovq/viewform?usp=sf_link)

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Once again, we apologise that these events cannot go ahead as planned but hope that you are able to join us on the rearranged dates.

Yours sincerely



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