



Dear Year 6 student,

RE: Welcome from your new Headteacher

Hello and welcome to Finham Park School.

Each year we welcome lots of Year 6 students to our school during this term, arrange tours, meet your parents and have some fun together as we learn a little bit more about each other.

I know that you must be feeling quite strange about not having to sit your SATS having spent a lot of time getting ready for them. These are usually such an important part of your being in Year 6 prior to moving onto secondary school but there is something in addition that is very important for you to know.

The SATS test do not assess all of what makes each of you special and unique. The people who created these tests and score them, do not know each of you in the way your class teacher does and certainly not in the way your families do. They do not know that some of you speak more than one language or that you love to sing, to draw, to actively take a leading role in assemblies and achieve so highly in all of these. They have not seen your natural talent for gymnastics, dancing, physical theatre and performance. They do not know that your friends can count on you to be there for them and that your laughter can brighten the darkest day or that you may at times become embarrassed and shy. They do not know that you are actively involved in many sporting activities offered at your school and outside of school that you wonder about the future or sometimes help your siblings after school. They do not know that you are kind, trustworthy and thoughtful and that every day you try to do your very best.

The scores you would have achieved from the tests would tell you something but not everything about you. So, while you are at home in the midst of this very different situation we have found ourselves in, remember there is no way to 'test' all of the amazing and awesome things that make you, you.

I hope you enjoy completing this transition booklet which we will use together to help you in the transition to our school. We are putting together a virtual tour for you which you will be able to see online to help you visualise our wonderful school as well as producing a presentation for your parents/carers to watch that will explain some details about the operation of our school.

I am very excited to meet you all in September properly and know that as we work to ensure you have 'the time of your life' with us we will grow together and learn about what makes you unique and truly special.

Yours faithfully,

Mr C Bishop

Headteacher