

13th May 2022

Dear Student / Parent / Carer

I am writing to provide you with a further update on our transition arrangements ahead of your child joining us at Netherhall School this September. Over the last few weeks I have been liaising with our partner primary schools to arrange visits to meet our new students in person, so I am able to answer any questions they may have at this stage. These visits will take place at the following times next week:

Monday 16th May:

Flimby Primary School 9.00am Richmond Hill School, Aspatria 12.00pm Maryport Junior School 1.30pm

Tuesday 17th May:

Ewanrigg Junior School 9.15am Bridekirk Dovenby C of E Primary School 10.30am Dearham Primary School 1.45pm

Wednesday 18th May:

Our Lady and St Patrick's Catholic Primary School 9.15am Blennerhasset School 11.00am Oughterside Primary School 1.45pm

Thursday 19th May:

Crosscanonby St John's C of E School 9.00am Broughton Moor Primary School 1.45pm

Friday 20th May:

Allonby Primary School 9.15am

Victoria Junior School - TBC Leigh Primary School – Teams meeting TBC

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I am really looking forward to meeting with your son / daughter to give them a flavour of life at Netherhall School and to let them know about the fantastic opportunities that await them from September. I am also looking forward to answering any questions they may have at this stage, ahead of the upcoming initial transition visits that I am currently arranging with our feeder primary schools in the w/b 20th June and w/b 27th June, where students will enjoy a two hour visit to Netherhall School to experience a couple of taster lessons and to familiarise themselves with their new school, ahead of our full open day and evening events on Tuesday, 5th July. I will be in touch with the finalised schedule of taster visits to Netherhall School to take place later in June, prior to the half term holidays.

One final update I have for you today is in relation to bus transport to Netherhall School for students from Dearham in September. I have been in touch with Ellenvale Coaches who have now confirmed that they will be able to provide a bus service to Netherhall School for those students who are not entitled to a school bus pass with the local authority. The manager at Ellenvale has informed me that parents who are entitled to a bus pass from Dearham should apply through the local authority website to secure their seat on the local authority bus and that parents will be informed of departure times etc by the local authority, but that this will include pick-ups throughout the village as is currently the case. The additional Ellenvale bus will pick students up along the Maryport Road at 8.20am, at the Commercial Corner, Newlands Park and Blooming Heather, but will not pick up students at the bottom of the village as students from that part of the village will be eligible for the local authority bus. The price of the Ellenvale bus to Netherhall School will be £3 per day. If you have any further queries in relation to this, please do not hesitate to contact me.

I would like to close by passing on my very best wishes to you and your families. I am really looking forward to meeting with your son / daughter in person next week and we are all looking forward to welcoming our record intake of new year 7 students to Netherhall School for their taster visits in June ahead of the full open day in July. In the meantime, if you have any queries, then please do not hesitate to get in contact with me by email at <u>m.bailey@netherhall.cumbria.sch.uk</u>. Any parents who have any specific queries concerning their child's special educational needs and the support that will be offered during our extended transition programme for SEN students, you are more than welcome to contact our SENCO, Mrs Beverly Johnstone at <u>b.johnstone@netherhall.cumbria.sch.uk</u>. We will both be delighted to offer any support we can at this stage to support your child's smooth transition to Netherhall School this year.

Yours faithfully

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