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Dear Parent/Carer,

Welcome to #TeamTeilo!

After a tumultuous few years, I am delighted that we are able to offer meaningful face-to-face transition to secondary school for your child. This transition pack will go some way in providing introductory information and support. Please be reassured that our experienced wellbeing team will do everything necessary between now and September to keep your child safe, happy and well.

Headteacher's broadcast

St Teilo's is supporting the local authority this year by offering an additional 30 places, meaning that 270 children will be joining us from over 40 different primary schools! In order to reach all parents and carers, I shall be broadcasting from the school via Microsoft Teams at 6pm on Monday 11 July 2022. During the broadcast, I will introduce you to the school and its mission. You will be invited to submit questions via the chat function which I will answer live for you. To access the broadcast, please scan below:



Headteacher's drop-ins

You may wish to speak with me or a member of my senior team about your child. We shall be available from 3.30pm-5.00pm on Tuesday 12 July and Wednesday 13 July 2022 at the school. No appointment is required, simply pop in if you would like to ask a question or share a concern.

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Parent/Carer questionnaire

We wish to get to know you and your child before September. The easiest way to tell us all about your child and family is to complete the parent/carers questionnaire. Some questions are a little sensitive however you are not obliged to answer them. We would encourage you to share as much information as possible so that we can plan support for your child in advance. To access the questionnaire, please scan below:



Transition days

We will be welcoming all children to the school from 8.40am-3.00pm on both Tuesday 12 July and Wednesday 13 July 2022. Do not worry if your child is unable to attend on both days. I shall be giving an assembly on each morning and children will meet key staff including their new Achievement Leader, Mr Evans. We will offer a selection of lessons and undertake a short reading access test to help us put balanced classes together for September. Importantly, children will need to bring a packed lunch and drinking water with them on both days. An invitation for your child is included in this pack.

Pupil information form

Please complete the enclosed pupil information form and tick to provide all necessary consent. Your child should bring the form with them on the transition day.

Frequently asked questions

On the following pages, you'll read the answers to some frequently asked questions. However, you are also able to reach out to me with queries or concerns by email at headteacher@stteilos.com. You will also find copies to all links and transition documents at www.stteilos.com/news.

I look forward to getting to know you and your child!

With every prayer and blessing,

Mr I Loynd
Headteacher

Frequently Asked Questions

When will my child begin secondary school?

There will be an induction day exclusively for Year 7 on **Wednesday 7 September 2022** beginning at 8.40am. School commences for all other children the following day.

What is the structure of the school day?

There will be a new structure in place following the pandemic. The day comprises five lessons, two breaks and a period of collective worship. Pupils should arrive on site by 8.30am ready for the first lesson at 8.40am. School finishes at 3.00pm.

What are the implications of COVID-19 for the next school year?

All going well, there will be a return to operation 'as normal'. The full curriculum will run without modification.

Where will children play at break time?

Year 7 will have access to their own zone and picnic site during breaks. This means that all play takes place in spaces reserved just for them.

What provision will there be for vulnerable children or children with additional learning needs?

We operate a graduated response to match provision with pupil need. Our practice is person-centred, meaning we avoid a 'one size fits all' approach. Our wellbeing and inclusion teams oversee a range of interventions, therapies and nurture provision.

What equipment will my child need?

Pupils will require the usual classroom equipment: a simple pencil case with pens, pencils, ruler and rubber. A scientific calculator for mathematics would be extremely useful, although we will always have spares available. Pupils must have a large enough school bag to house their equipment, books and packed lunch (if desired).

Will lockers be available?

Lockers will be made available from the second week of term. A specific lock is required (we keep a copy of the key) and there is a small charge for this. We will advise your child of the requirements in September.

Will school transport be running from the first day?

All school buses will run as usual. To find out more about transport and your child's eligibility for travel, please contact the school transport team at the council. They are responsible for planning travel routes and issuing bus passes and timetables.

Can my child cycle to school?

Cycling to school is strongly encouraged. There is a large bicycle store, monitored by CCTV, and your child will require a chain and padlock. Advice on safe cycling or walking routes can be provided by the council.

Will there be catering on site?

After a long period of closure, it is intended that the dining hall will be fully open in September.

What class will my child be in?

There are ten teaching groups in Year 7 of around 27 in size. Each is carefully designed to provide a balance of gender, ability and need. We will try to ensure that your child knows somebody in the class however we cannot promise to keep existing friendship groups together. Transition to secondary school is an opportunity to make a large number of new friends and lessons are designed to focus on learning and progress. At break time, children can play with whomever they wish.

I still have questions...

Please, ask! You can contact the Headteacher with your queries or concerns by emailing headteacher@stteilos.com.