

Y6 Transitions Update: June 2021

Dear Parents/Carers

I hope that you and your families are well. Our staff and students are very much looking forward to welcoming Y6 to Winterhill, and so I am writing to inform you that your child's transition to Y7 will begin **Monday, 5th July for the final two weeks of this academic year.**

Since the government has announced that, current restrictions are still in place until the 19th July, we have to operate under current guidelines. This does expect that students are home tested twice a week. Testing kits are provided by the school and you can collect them from the main school reception. The kits are lateral flow tests that are quick and easy to undertake, using a swab of the nose and throat. Once completed, it is easy to log results via our website and using the NHS COVID result reporting facility. For further information, including consent forms and our privacy notice, please follow this link -

<https://www.winterhill.org.uk/testing>

Up to one third of people who have coronavirus are asymptomatic. By testing, we will help to reduce the spread in school and college settings through asymptomatic transmission. I am therefore strongly encouraging that before you join Winterhill School in July you are tested. You should test your child on either the Sunday evening /Monday morning before school and then either a Wednesday evening/Thursday morning.

I would also like to take this opportunity to remind you of some of the requirements for the 5th July:

Uniform

If you wish to purchase the full school uniform prior to the summer, then you can do so via Johnny D in Rotherham or Pinders who also have a website:

<https://pindersschoolwear.com/schools/242/Winterhill>. However, we understand this may not always be possible or suitable at this stage, and so students can wear **a plain white shirt/polo shirt and black/grey trousers or skirt** for their transition, **moving to full Winterhill School uniform in September.**

Students will **not** be required to bring a PE kit on their first day; more information regarding any sport activities will be explained during the first few days of transition.

First Day Arrival

On Monday 5th July, students must arrive no earlier than **8:30am** and enter the school site via the main school gates. There will be a number of Winterhill staff present to welcome them and direct them into the school building. I will write to you again regarding more details around the first day arrangements in mid-June.

Equipment

Students must bring their school equipment: pen, pencil, ruler etc., and a suitable school bag. Images can be found in our 'Winterhill Wave Welcome Magazine' for reference or via our website.

School Transport

You may have seen our Winterhill School Bus within the community. This service, covering the Thorpe Hesley and Chapeltown areas, will be available **free of charge for all Y6 students** during transition. The full route can be found on our website.

Summer School 2021

There is still time for your child to be part of our Summer School that starts Monday 19th July. This will include educational visits and a range of academic and enrichment activities within school. If you would like more details on how your child can sign up, please email: y7summerschool@winterhill.org.uk.

If you have any immediate questions regarding transition, please contact me via:
transitions@winterhill.org.uk

Yours sincerely,

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