

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> June 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

### **New parents - A warm welcome to Broadstone Middle School**

We hope this letter finds you all safe and well and coping in what continues to be a very trying time for us all.

Again we would like to express how pleased we are that you have chosen Broadstone Middle School for your child to attend in September and we are writing to share our planned transition arrangements over the coming months.

### **Transition 2020**

Transition this year will work somewhat differently to how it has been in previous years due to the current situation we find ourselves in. Unfortunately, we will be unable to hold the traditional transition day in July and 'meeting the teacher' will most likely be a virtual meeting, given the restrictions related to the Coronavirus. However, what we do aim to do is provide you with your child's allocated class and teacher earlier this year so that you have a longer period of time to communicate with them.

We appreciate that your child may already be anxious about their new school and we want to do everything we can to try and alleviate their worries. In our planning, we are looking at ways to provide new students with the possibility of a tour of the school, possibly in August, but we will need to consider all elements of risk associated with such tours and will write to you in due course with confirmation of these plans.

### **Frequently asked questions**

We are in the process of creating a transition booklet that will go out to all new students which will detail as much information about what September will look like for our school. We would like to include a Question and Answer section for new students to ask all the questions they have about their new school so that we can help lessen any anxieties they have. We will do everything we can to answer those questions as fully as possible and where we cannot be so specific, we will answer those questions at a later stage.

Please could you have a conversation with your child to consider all the questions they have about their new school – no question too silly! These questions can be emailed to me at the email address below, using the email heading:- Transition to BMS questions from a Year ? pupil (please

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indicate which year group your child will be going into so we can organise questions by year groups).

Please email these questions to:- ([rmilton@castlemanacademytrust.co.uk](mailto:rmilton@castlemanacademytrust.co.uk)) so that we can collate questions and respond to these via the 'Your questions answered' section on the Transition page of our CatLive website ([www.catlive.co.uk](http://www.catlive.co.uk)). (N.B: If you refer to this page you will be able to access other helpful transition news/documents including the transition booklets).

If you have any questions, you are most welcome to email or call the school office on 01202 696121. We will endeavor to do everything we can to support your child through this transition period.

With thanks,



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