

June 5<sup>th</sup> 2020

**RE: BHA Virtual Transition**

Dear Year 6 Parents and Carers,

We welcome you and your child to our Bristnall Hall Academy family and thank you for selecting us as your first choice of school; a place in Sandwell where your child will fulfil their true potential. This is an exciting time to be joining us, as we have been recognised by the Department of Education as the highest performing academy in Sandwell for GCSE progress.

We fully understand that transition from Year 6 to 7 can be a challenging experience for families, particularly under the current circumstances and we want to ensure that our families are fully supported during this unprecedented time. With this in mind, we have formulated a ‘timeline’ for our BHA Virtual Transition programme, where you will be able to experience what truly makes Bristnall Hall Academy so special:

- During w/b 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> June, you will receive a **personal welcome phone call** from one of the Transition Team here at our academy
- During w/b July 6<sup>th</sup>, you will receive your **induction pack**; this will contain everything you require to be ready for September, including information regarding the purchase of school uniform.
- From July 10<sup>th</sup>, you will be able to access a **virtual tour of the school and video introductions** to school staff on the website (link below).
- During w/b 13<sup>th</sup> July, some of the team will make **additional phone calls to some of our families** with children who require more specific support from the academy.
- The new school year: Half Term 1 – during those first crucial weeks of your child’s time at Bristnall Hall, we will provide a **supportive and thorough academy-based induction programme - more information to follow over the coming months.**

As we are unable to provide a face-to-face transition event, we have created a separate area on our website for our new families. This can be accessed via our academy website in the ‘Our Academy’ section and under ‘Transition - Year 6’. Alternatively, you can directly access this via <https://bit.ly/2zEMYE9>. In this area, you will be able to access all of the documents listed above electronically, along with virtual introductions to key teaching and support staff and a virtual tour of the school, which will be available to you next month.



In order to keep up to date with life at the academy and crucial updates during this time, we encourage you to follow us on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram. Please ensure you follow us **@BHallAcademy**. For now, if you have any questions then please contact us at [transition@bha.attrust.org.uk](mailto:transition@bha.attrust.org.uk) and one of the team will get back to you as soon as possible.

We welcome you to our BHA Virtual Transition programme and look forward to meeting you and your child in September as we embark on our transformational journey together.

Yours faithfully,



Mr K Uppal  
**Principal**



Ms L Baker  
**Vice Principal**



Miss Brzosko  
**Year 7 Achievement Coordinator**