



Charles Darwin School

Operated by the Charles Darwin Academy Trust

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Dear Parent,

Year 7 Admission - September 2020

Thank you for returning your welcome packs so promptly. Please can I ask those that still need to do this to ensure their information is forwarded as soon as possible.

I am now contacting you with an update regarding 's transition to Year 7.

Please do not worry about the learning may be missing whilst they are not completing work in school. The most important thing is that children are safe, well and happy, which will help them to continue with their learning quickly and positively when they return to school. They may have already returned to their primary school at some point in June.

I know that we will have to adapt our teaching and learning plans for our Year 7 when starts with us and plans have already begun to address this.

There are some things that can spend some time doing (if they have not already done so) which will also help:

- Make the most of whatever learning activities are available from your primary school, whether this be at home or since 4th June back in your primary school. We know different schools are offering different things — please try not to compare yours with what your friend might have in a different school — they are all useful experiences to keep you thinking and learning. Read lots of books about lots of different subjects to increase your general knowledge. Explore an interest or hobby further.
- Practise your times tables and your maths computation skills (addition, subtraction, multiplication and division).
- If you're doing anything online — remember to keep to the usual online safety rules. Please note that useful websites to access work on are BBC Bitesize and Oak National Academy.
- Do some exercise every day. We know lots of you are enjoying working out with Joe Wicks! Exercise outside with family if it is safe to do so.
- Make time to relax— this is important for your wellbeing.

I am pleased to advise that we are now in a position to confirm that we will be holding student/parent meetings. These will follow all government guidance around distancing and hygiene measures and give a chance to feel they have been in the school building and seen a Charles Darwin School teacher face to face. In some cases it might also give you a chance to practice the school journey.

It would be advantageous for families to attend this 15 minute meeting with either a senior member of staff or a member of the Year 7 team. Parents will be given additional information about the start of term and the expectations required by the school. As part of this, students and parents will be asked to sign the Home School Partnership contract (please bring a pen along to the meeting). Most importantly this meeting will also be an opportunity for us to find out a little more about .

During these meetings induction information packs, which include a Year 7 curriculum overview booklet, can be collected. These will tell you everything you need to know about starting in Year 7 at Charles Darwin School.

Our uniform suppliers, Oz Schoolwear, will also be attending these meetings to allow families to see what the uniform looks like and to place orders.

Please be advised that these meetings have been arranged in such a way to allow everyone to follow social distancing protocol. With this in mind there will be limited space for people to wait so please ensure that you attend your appointment at your allocated time, not arriving too early or late. Meetings must also not run over time and the clearly labelled one way system must be followed. Please see the revised student/parent meeting dates as below:

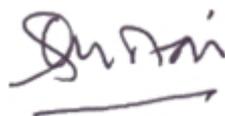
- Meetings for students attending primary schools in the **London Borough of Bromley and all other Boroughs** will be held on **Monday 29th June**.
- Meetings for students attending primary schools in the **London Borough of Croydon and all students attending Oaklands Primary Academy** will be held on **Wednesday 1st July**.

Please email our Admissions Secretary, Debbie Paterson, at dpa@cdarwin.com to make an appointment, a.s.a.p. Your email must include student's name/convenient time – meetings will be held every 20 minutes between 8.00am and 3.30pm and we will do our best to accommodate you.

Unfortunately, I have to advise that **we will not** be in a position to offer other transition events.

I understand this may be disappointing for some but I am sure you can understand the reasoning behind this. When we are more aware of the situation we are all in during the Autumn term, we will continue to do our best to ensure that our new Year 7 students have a full induction programme. This will ensure that 's transition to Charles Darwin School is as smooth as possible.

Yours sincerely,



Sunil Chotai
Headteacher