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Dear Parent / Carer

YEAR 6 TRANSITION TO THE REGIS SCHOOL

Firstly, I would like to offer you a warm welcome to The Regis School. We are delighted that your child will be joining us in September, and we look forward to either building on an existing relationship or getting to know those of you who are new to us.

Secondly, I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself. My name is David Oakes and from 1 June 2020 I will become Principal of The Regis School. Naturally, I would not have chosen for this to happen at such unprecedented times, but that said, I am deeply honoured, proud and excited to be leading TRS and its wonderful students through the next stage of the schools' journey.

As you are aware, we like all areas of society are experiencing a difficult time. School closures are necessary to protect children and families, but they do bring significant challenge. We also recognise that transition can be an anxious time for some Year 6 students. I want to make sure that we minimise any apprehension you or your child may have, and I want them to feel excited and ready to join us in September. I hope that schools will be able to open in some form during the summer term and that our future Year 7 cohort can take part in our comprehensive and well-established transition programme, however, it is quite probable that schools will be closed for a significant period of time and therefore we feel it would be sensible to also plan for transition on the basis that our programme will have to be organised remotely.

At present, we are in communication with our feeder primary schools about transition and have been discussing plans to support your child. I, or one of our Year 7 team, will write to you again after the May half-term break with more details about transition. At this moment, I want to reassure you that your child and their transition is extremely important to us; we need to get this right and we are working very hard to make sure that we do. Over the summer term, we plan to make personal contact with every family to talk about your child, their needs and how best we can support them. In addition, we hope to set up all students with a The Regis School email address (to support a 'remote' transition day on the **1 July**). In the meantime I have prepared a short YouTube clip to 'put a face to my name' so please spend a moment together watching (**YouTube The Regis School Mr Oakes welcome**).

To support the transition process, we now need you to complete the enclosed Pupil Admission Form, Permissions Form and Medical Questionnaire using the enclosed stamped addressed envelope marked Mrs S Palmer and return back to The Regis School by **Friday 15 May 2020**.

Finally, in these extraordinary times, I wish you, your families and your friends good health and safety.

Yours faithfully

Mr David Oakes
Principal