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Dear Parents/Carers

We thoroughly enjoyed meeting Year 6 during the Transition Days and are pleased to further support the transition of your child to secondary school by offering an additional induction day in September. Your child may still be feeling a little excited and nervous about leaving primary school and may find it challenging to adjust to secondary school, however, there is a great deal more to look forward to than there is to worry about. Year 7 will present your child with new experiences as they will have new teachers, subjects, a little bit more homework and lots of new friends to make. The induction day will be another opportunity to put your child at ease and ensure they really feel like a King Edward VI student.

The first day of term is Wednesday 4 September 2024. We are only inviting Year 7 in on this day so that we can properly induct them into the school. On the first day we would like all students to arrive at the Spring Lane gate by 8.50am (from Thursday 5 September 2024 onwards Year 7 will be able to arrive through the most convenient of any of the three available gates). On arrival, the different coloured flags will be set up in the side car park just as they were during the second Transition Day. If your child remembers the colour of their group (or tutor's name/initials) that will really speed up the process of seating them in their tutor groups. Tell them not to worry if they have forgotten, as we will have a list of names and groups. Year 7 students will also be leaving via the Spring Lane gates on the first day at 3.35pm.

We ask that students arrive looking smart in their new King Edward VI School uniform. Students will not be required to bring their PE kit that day but should bring a school bag with their pencil case and (preferably) a reading book. Please refer to the Transition Handbook for any additional information: <u>Transition Booklet - King Edward VI School (king-ed.suffolk.sch.uk)</u>.

If your child would like a school lunch then you will need to set up and top up your ParentPay account. A letter with your ParentPay login details was handed to your child on Tuesday 16 July 2024, or will be sent through the post.

If your child is travelling by bus on a school route in September please check <u>Suffolk on Board</u> as there may have been some changes to the services.

I would also like to draw your attention to the Success in Year 7 Evening on Wednesday 11 September 2024, at 4.30pm. This event will provide you with an opportunity to meet your child's tutor and other key staff members. You will also receive important information on how you can track your child's progress on Go4Schools and monitor their homework on Microsoft Teams. Please note that due to space restrictions, it is only necessary for one parent or carer to attend, and without your child. More detailed information will follow in September.

We are looking forward to working with you, helping your child transition into secondary school and supporting each and every student as they aim to achieve his or her full potential with us over the next five years.

If you have any questions about starting in September please email the Year 7 Team <u>Year7@king-ed.suffolk.sch.uk.</u>

Yours faithfully

Mr R Herbert Assistant Headteacher