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Dear Parent/Carer,

### **Primary 7 / Secondary 1 Transition to The Gordon Schools**

Hello everyone. I'd like to introduce myself as Alan Johnston, Depute Rector at The Gordon Schools, and it's my responsibility to lead and support you on the exciting transition journey from our Cluster and Out-of-zone primary schools to The Gordon Schools.

The current health emergency and lockdown situation has created a lot of uncertainty for everyone. We are conscious that yourselves and of course our future Secondary 1 pupils (S1s) will be concerned about how the current situation may impact upon their up-coming move to The Gordon Schools. We wish to reassure both them and you that significant planning is taking place to ensure that your child is supported as best as we can, given current circumstances.

As we do not yet know exactly when schools will re-open, much of the initial Transition Programme will by necessity have to take place using on-line platforms. We will of course take this fully into consideration when the young people eventually attend The Gordon Schools. Adaptations to our usual processes will be made to support everyone. For example, an additional Transition Programme will be in place during the early stages of when children return to our School building in person.

In the meantime, we have created a P7/S1 'Transition blog'. Over the coming weeks, this will provide a forum for introducing your child to their new School, our staff team and all the things they will need to familiarise themselves with. The blog will be accessed via GLOW and your own Primary School will already be providing your child with access to this platform.

Additionally, Mr Gaiter, who is our Rector, will also send out the TGS weekly COVID update newsletter to all Primary Schools to share with the families of P7 children. The newsletter will include a section specifically providing transition updates and information relevant to your child. They may wish to use the blog to ask us any questions that follow-on from this if you'd like.



On behalf of the whole staff team here, I'd like to say we are very much looking forward to welcoming your child to The Gordon Schools community. Please be assured that as soon as we have any further information about national and local plans for return to school, we will be in contact. Many thanks for your understanding and patience during these challenging times!

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Alan Johnston'. The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'A'.

Alan Johnston  
Depute Rector  
(Health and Wellbeing)