Dear Year 6 Parents/Carers,

Thank you for your patience whilst we have taken advice on how the Year 6 into 7 transition will happen this year.

We believe that a positive transition experience is crucial, in order to help students make the smooth transfer from primary to secondary school. Staff have been working hard to facilitate this, given the recent Government decision to delay the relaxation of national restrictions.

As a result, we are delighted to be able to offer all Year 6 students who are starting Eskdale in September, a two day transition, on **Tuesday 20th and Wednesday 21st July 2021.** This will be on the condition that national restrictions are lifted, as is currently planned. We have written to our feeder primary schools to let them know we will be offering this date.

This is an outline of our current plan:

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| Tuesday 20th July | Year 6 students attend Eskdale School and spend the day with their form tutors, getting to know the school, our staff and their new friends. |
| Wednesday 21st July | Year 6 students take part in a selection of taster lessons, followed by an afternoon tea celebration event in the garden (invitation to follow).  |

Students can wear comfortable clothes (school uniform is not required) and need to bring:

- a school bag,

- pencil case,

- a water bottle,

- any medication they might need,

- some money for lunch\* (approx. £2.50- £4.00) \*unless in receipt of free school meals.

They can use school transport to get to and from school.

Of course, we will monitor government guidance closely and may have to cancel or rearrange depending on any updates we receive, but we will communicate any changes as they occur.

We are all looking forward to getting to know our new students. In the meantime, if you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me directly.

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Best wishes,

Mrs J Bradley