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Dear Parents/Carers

Re: Admission Support for prospective parents/carers

My name is Louise Fernyhough and I am one of the Assistant Headteachers at Churnet View Middle School. I have worked at the school now for 14 years and I am entering my 6th year as an Assistant Headteacher. My responsibilities include being the Designated Safeguarding Lead and the Transition Lead. I am also a Year 5 Class Teacher.

I wanted to write to you all to share my thoughts and experiences of the transition year. Transition year is different to all others, it is not an academic course but rather it is a year that focuses on the development of children's personal and interpersonal skills, helping to prepare them for life ahead.

At Churnet View Middle School, we believe that transition year is an incredibly special year and we are really proud to be able to still offer a fantastic transition package, despite the many challenges that we are currently faced with. Whilst we are still helping our new Year 5 pupils to settle in, we are already planning transition events for this academic year and beginning to work with the feeder schools in Leek and the surrounding area.

Despite the many challenges that we have faced during the last year, we have still ensured that the current cohort of Year 5 pupils had a smooth transition.

Prior to Covid-19 we were able to host our annual Science Week where many schools joined us to celebrate Science and take part in a range of different activities celebrating diversity. The event was attended by over 200 pupils over the week and was enjoyed by all who attended.

As soon as pupil numbers were confirmed, discussions began between the feeder schools and Churnet View. We gathered a wealth of pupil information from first school teachers including background information, Special Educational Needs information and friendship groups of the pupils.

During the Summer term, we invited all feeder schools to take part in a Teams/Zoom meeting where the children were able to speak to me and ask me questions about life at Churnet View. Again, this event seemed to be enjoyed by all that took part and it ensured that children had a familiar face when joining us in September.

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We also shared a wealth of information with our feeder schools and via our school website and Facebook page. This included a pupil information booklet, a frequently asked questions booklet, meet the teachers videos, a video tour of the school, home learning activities and transition activities.

We are very excited about meeting you and your children, when it is safe for us all to do so, and we hope that next year our transition programme of events will be able to include opportunities for the children to attend a range of activities at Churnet View Middle School.

During the Autumn term, myself and Mr Fryer (Headteacher) will be hosting a live Q&A session. If you would like to register your interest for this, please complete the electronic form on the link below. This will enable us to invite you to all online events.

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=2ZEO4Wgo4kyLCjxLqw-hPqXvOIDirdKluONGPkzMIhUMIRWVfk1Wk9QNjBOSjRBNjJXNFIxUFM5WC4u>

If you require any further support with admissions, we are here to help. Please contact us on either cvm.admissions@tflt.org.uk or 01538 384939 and we will do everything that we can.

Hopefully, I will get to meet you all soon but until then please take care and stay safe.

Yours sincerely,

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