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Tuesday 22nd May 2023

Dear parent/carer,

SUBJECT: Year 6 Transition Welcome Letter

Hello - My name is Mrs Hailwood and I am the Transition Manager and one of the Senior Teachers at Risedale School. I oversee the transition process for our new pupils and I'm very much looking forward to welcoming your child to Risedale, to join the Risedale Family. We know how exciting and nerve-wracking the transition process can be for pupils and their families and so I'd like to reassure you that Risedale School will support them every step of the way.

I am writing to invite you and your child to our Welcome Evening in June and to provide more information about 'Transition Time' in July when your child will spend three days with us here at Risedale.

Year 6 Welcome Evening: (Thursday 22nd June 4:30pm to 6pm)

All parents/carers and pupils are invited to our Year 6 Welcome Evening to learn more about the Risedale Family, try on school uniform and meet the team.

The evening will run from 4:30pm to 6pm, however, you can arrive at any time from 3:30pm onwards to try on uniform with our provider, Schoolshop. Please note that purchasing on the night will not be possible, as this opportunity is solely for sizing purposes. All uniform purchases must be made online at Schoolshop.

IMPORTANT: To guarantee delivery for September 2023, please order all school uniforms online before 29th July.

We ask that all parents/carers and pupils assemble in the main school hall at 4:30pm for a welcome presentation from myself and other members of staff including our fantastic SEND team. Following that parents/carers and pupils will divide into groups to spend time with the Year 7 form tutors. Refreshments will be available and there will be an opportunity to visit the uniform provider later in the evening if you haven't already done so earlier.

If you cannot attend the evening please don't worry - you can visit our website for all the information and guidance you need on the Risedale School Uniform and then make your purchases from Schoolshop.

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Transition Time: (Monday 10th July - Wednesday 12th July)

Before joining as a Year 7 pupil in September your child will take part in **'Transition Time'** here at Risedale for **3 days** starting on **Monday 10th July** and finishing on **Wednesday 12th July.**

What pupils can expect during their Transition Time:

- Each morning, pupils will be greeted at the main school entrance by their new form tutors/members of the Risedale Transition Team.
- A welcome assembly will take place on Monday.
- Pupils will have time with their new form tutor.
- There will be lots of lesson time and chances to experience new and exciting subject areas.
- There will be opportunities to meet key members of staff and talk to current Risedale pupils from all year groups.

Times and Travel:

- Your child should arrive at Risedale each morning at **8.25am** for an 8.30am start. Our school day finishes at **3pm.**
- Parents/carers are welcome to drop off and pick up their child each day, however, we kindly request that you refrain from using our school car park to park your vehicle during this time. Unfortunately, we do not have the capacity, and all parking spaces are reserved for our school staff. Instead, we suggest parking at Shute Road, and your child can safely walk through the snicket to Risedale.
- Pupils who live in Catterick Village can use the 562R school bus service provided by Hodgsons Coaches (Tel: 01833 630730).

Bus to school	
Marne Barracks	08:00
Catterick Village, The Angel	08:05
A6136 / Mowbray Road	08:08
Catterick Racecourse Bus Stop	08:10
Industrial Park Bus Stop, Catterick Road	08:12
Risedale School	08:25

Bus going home	
Risedale School (Arrives) Risedale School (Departs)	14:50 15:05
Industrial Park Bus Stop, Catterick Road	15:13
Catterick Racecourse Bus Stop	15:15
A6136 / Mowbray Road	15:17
Marne Barracks	15:18
Catterick Village	15:19

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Break/Lunch and Food:

At Risedale we have one 20 minute morning break and a 50 minute lunch break. **All** pupils attending Risedale Transition Time will be provided with a FREE lunch from our fantastic school canteen where they will have a choice of both hot and cold food options. If your child would like to buy any additional drinks or cakes they can bring some cash. If pupils would prefer to bring their own packed lunch each day they are more than welcome to.

Clothing and Equipment:

For the 3 days of Transition Time, we ask that your child wears their Primary School uniform. They will be required to bring a school bag and pencil case with adequate equipment for their lessons each day. **All pupils will take part in a PE session on Monday and so must bring or wear trainers.**

Please ensure that your child's school bag contains the following:
- Pencil case
  - Black, blue and red pens
  - Pencil and eraser
  - Ruler
- Trainers for Monday

The whole Risedale Family is really looking forward to meeting all our new Year 7 pupils and starting our Risedale journey together.

To find out more about Risedale School, please visit our website at www.risedale.org.uk. We recommend that all parents/carers and pupils become familiar with the website, but we want to highlight a few important pages to check before September:

- Calendar and Term Dates
- Uniform
- SEND

Yours sincerely,

Mrs J Hailwood - Transition Manager and Senior Teacher