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Monday 28th April 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

SUBJECT: Year 6 Transition Welcome Letter



Hello, my name is Mrs Jane Hailwood, and I am the Transition Manager and a Senior Teacher at Risedale School. I oversee the transition process for our new pupils, and I am very much looking forward to welcoming your child to the Risedale Family. We understand that the transition to secondary school can be an exciting yet nerve-wracking time for both pupils and their families, and I want to reassure you that Risedale School is committed to supporting them every step of the way.

At Risedale, we pride ourselves on our nurturing environment, strong sense of community, and commitment to encouraging everyone in the Risedale Family to be the BEST they can be. All of our staff are here to support your child, ensuring they feel safe, happy, and ready to embrace new challenges.

Starting in May, I will visit each primary school to introduce myself to the pupils and begin getting to know them. Our SENCo, Miss Burke, and/or Assistant SENCo, Mr Higham, will be speaking to your child's teachers so that we can provide as much support as possible with the transition to secondary school and moving forward with their education.

To help with the transition, we have planned a number of events, including:

Year 6 Welcome Evening: Monday 9th June

We warmly invite all Year 6 pupils and their parents/carers to our Year 6 Welcome Evening on **Monday, 9th June**, from **4:30 PM to 6:00 PM** in the main hall at Risedale. This evening is a great opportunity for you and your child to meet key members of our staff, ask questions, and learn more about our school's Vision and Values as well as our expectations. You are welcome to arrive from 4:00 PM onwards, as our uniform provider, [Schoolshop](#), will be available from this time to offer uniform sizing before the main event. Additionally, we will provide more information about our transition days during the event.

Meet the SEND Team: Wednesday 25th June

We would like to invite the parents/carers of our new SEND pupils to meet with a member of our SEND team at Risedale. This is a great opportunity to discuss your child's needs and their current support plan (e.g. Individual Education Plan). At Risedale, we aim to build a positive working relationship with parents and effectively support our SEND pupils during their transition to secondary school.

Our 'Meet the SEND Team' event will take place on **Wednesday, 25th June**. Parents/carers will be able to book a 15-minute slot with a member of our team between **1:30 PM and 5:00 PM**. We will





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send you another letter/email closer to the date with details on how to book your time slot for this event. **We encourage parents/carers to speak with your child's primary school and bring a current copy of your child's support plan to the meeting.**

If you cannot make this event and would like to arrange contact with the SEND team, please email send@risedale.org.uk, and we will endeavour to contact you around this time.

Transition Time: Wednesday 9th July and Thursday 10th July

Before joining as a Year 7 pupil in September, your child will take part in 'Transition Time' here at Risedale for **2 days**, on **Wednesday 9th July and Thursday 10th July**. Your child will experience lessons and follow a timetable, meet teachers, and get to know their new surroundings. Each day, your child will be met at the school gates by Risedale Staff, and a team of Year 7 Pupil Ambassadors will be on hand to guide them throughout the day.

Other Information:

We understand that moving to secondary school can be both exciting and daunting, and we are here to support you throughout this process. Our team is always available to answer any questions or concerns you may have. Please keep an eye on your emails for further important correspondence and updates from Risedale School regarding the transition process, and do not hesitate to contact us via enquiries@risedale.org.uk if you need any assistance.

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](#)
- [SEND](#)
- [Transition to Year 7](#)
- [Uniform](#)

Pupil Admission Form:

Please complete the Pupil Admission form as soon as possible. This form helps us prepare for the upcoming school year and ensures a smooth transition for your child.

Link to Pupil Admission Form >> <https://forms.gle/kxMbtXLfwWsk3uom9>

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

Yours sincerely,

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