



**Pedmore
High School**
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Dear Parents, Carers and Year 6

Thank you for your support over the past weeks and months. As you are aware the ongoing guidance, and therefore logistics, continues to change regularly.

The latest of these changes has been the wider opening of schools. Initially to years 6, 1 and Reception for primary and for years 10 and 12 for secondary, followed by the announcement that, if primaries have capacity, other year groups can be invited into school before the end of this summer term.

Invictus Education Trust has been in discussion with the Local Authority, and its allocated Her Majesty's Inspectorate (HMI) Lead, with regards as to how its high schools, can support their local primary schools who are at capacity. As a result of the latest DfE guidance, stating that primary schools can use their local high schools as Hubs to support their capacity, HMI is allowing the year 6 pupils from schools that are **at capacity with regards to space and / or staffing** to attend an Invictus high school, for the last two weeks of term, if they are due to transfer there in September. This is not a transition activity; it is to support our local primary schools who currently have capacity issues.

I would very much have preferred to have invited all of our new Year 7 children into school for a proper transition period, but we are bound by what we are allowed to do, in the current situation, in order to continue to keep everyone safe and well. Please be assured that when your child starts with us, at Pedmore High School, hopefully in September, time will be given to settle them in, introduce them to key staff, tour the site and complete other transition activities. In the meantime, please continue to look regularly at our website, where there's lots of information regarding transition, with more being added on a regular basis, and follow us on social media. Please visit <https://www.pedmorehighschool.uk/induction/> for our virtual tour.

With very best wishes to you all in what continues to be an uncertain time,

Yours sincerely

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