



Blatchington Mill School

Involvement, Achievement & Care

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Dear Parent/Carer,

Thank you for choosing Blatchington Mill School for your child – I'm delighted that you will be joining our school community and your child will be welcomed into our 'Blatch family'. We fully understand the trust you have placed in us by selecting our school and we will work incredibly hard to provide a world-class education for your child in an inclusive and caring environment. By choosing Blatch you are also committed to matching our high expectations for your child in all areas and I hope we can work in an effective partnership to secure the very best outcomes, development and achievements for them.

Over the next few months many colleagues from Blatch including Mr Maxted, the Year Team Leader for Year 7, and Ms Fenton, the Assistant YTL will be visiting the junior schools to talk to the teachers and the students themselves about the move to 'Blatch'. I will also endeavour to come to as many junior schools as I can. In addition, there will be a number of opportunities for you and your child to meet the staff and visit the school before September 2017. There will be an evening meeting for parents of our new intake on **Monday 10th July 2017**, and an **'Induction Day' for students on Friday 7th July 2017**. This will help them to feel part of the Blatchington Mill School community as soon as possible. However, should you have any concerns or queries, please feel free to contact Mr Maxted or Ms Fenton.

At Blatch, we take the transition to secondary school very seriously and we understand the value of children's friendship links. We try to take those into account when allocating form groups. So please complete the enclosed Friendship Form. Information from your child's primary school regarding educational requirements and friendship groups will also be taken into account when allocating form groups and may result in your child not being with their choice of friends. Please think carefully about these choices as it may not be possible to change form group allocations.

Please return the enclosed forms to Student Services at Blatchington Mill by 31st March 2017. (If you do not return the Friendship Form by this date, we will assume you are happy for us to place your child in any form group).

As you may know, this school has many more children wishing to enrol than there are places available. Please complete the attached **Place Not Required** reply slip if you DO NOT intend to take up the offer of a place at Blatchington Mill School.

Term starts on Monday 4th September 2017 for Year 7 students. I very much look forward to welcoming you and your child to the school. I think you have made a great choice of secondary school and I look forward to meeting you all over the coming year.

Yours faithfully

Mr A Harrold
Head Teacher

