

May 2020

Dear Year 6 family

Thank-you for filling in and returning the Pupil Registration Form. We are well on the way with planning for the arrival in September of all our new Year 7s, despite the current challenges we have as a nation, and indeed, world.

We sincerely hope that you are all keeping as safe and well as is possible.

The content of this email and attachments will give you a bit more information about Blatchington Mill. We do not plan to bombard you: We appreciate keeping your family healthy is the focus for the time being, but please be assured we are working away behind the scenes, asking each primary school for information and planning form tutor groups for September.

This e-mail out includes the following information for parents/carers

- [What's Bugging You About Secondary School? booklet](#)
- [FAQs for parent/carers](#)
- [FAB Details](#)
- [Internet Safety Information](#)

The "What's Bugging You About Secondary School?" booklet is for students. This includes questions Year 6 students have asked about BMS (thank you to those of you who gave us your questions). These have been answered by Year 7 students. If students have any other questions, please feel free to ask us.

The rest of the attachments are for parents and carers.

All the attachments to this email - as well as the previous one and future ones - are to be found on our [admissions page](#).

Outside of school, we are very aware that one of the significant points of transition to secondary school is the independence of a child walking to and from school. Often they will not be accompanied by parents/carers. We always recommend that students arrange to walk or cycle with each other where possible and that routes are planned and even trialled over the summer.

School finishes at 3pm each day. There will be multiple opportunities for your child/children to take part in after school clubs, homework/help sessions and activities. We produce an **Extra-Curricular Activity Calendar by the end of September each year**; this details the activities on offer after school for the rest of the academic year. There is no cost for these activities. Please see the link below for **this year's** Extra Curricular leaflet (there are most likely to be changes to this from September). <https://www.blatchingtonmill.org.uk/extra-curricular>. This link can also be found on the FAQ page.

In late June you will receive the third mailshot. This will inform you which form group your child has been allocated and, if it is able to go ahead, they will be invited to spend a Taster Day at BMS on **Friday 3rd July**, and you will receive an invitation to our Parent/Carer Evening on **Monday 6th July at 6pm**. We appreciate that this is up in the air at the moment and we will let you know of any difference to these arrangements nearer the time, should we need to. What it is worth saying however is that we are talking with all the primary Heads about how to make transition this year as smooth as possible.

If you have any further questions in the meantime please do not hesitate to contact us on 01273 221277 or email us at admissions@blatchingtonmill.org.uk

Yours sincerely,

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