



# Midhurst Rother College

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Dear Parent / Carer

## Update on Year 6 Transition to Midhurst Rother College

I am delighted that your child is joining us at Midhurst Rother College and I am looking forward to meeting you and your child in person later this term. I am pleased that lockdown restrictions are easing and I hope this gives us the opportunity to meet face to face and to start to get to know you and your families. This letter provides an overview of our plans for transition to us. Our planning is guided by the following principles, which are intended to make the move to MRC one that supports your child and places pastoral care at the centre. Our principles are:

1. that every child is supported to make transition as seamless as possible;
2. that additional planning and communication takes place for vulnerable children and those with special needs;
3. that communication between MRC and primary feeder schools and parents is effective, and;
4. that every child joining us is known prior to their start at MRC, enabling them to make a good start with us.

Building relationships and good communication between College staff and families are always important. Covid-19 has created some barriers to the normal transition process, but these can be overcome through regular communication between us. We hope that with the lifting of restrictions we will be able to host our Transition Day in person in the college building on 7 July. If the national roadmap for easing of lockdown restrictions is adhered to this event will be able to go ahead.

We are already in communication with primary feeder schools about the children coming to us in September and intend to visit your child in their primary school during the summer term. We are aware that Year 6 will not be taking SATs exams this year. I would like to reassure parents / carers that this will not affect their transition at all. We will take teacher assessed grades from primary schools when we contact them, so that we have good information to use to help us to settle your child and challenge them academically from day one. In the meantime, if you have any concerns at all, please email [accept@mrc-academy.org](mailto:accept@mrc-academy.org) and we will get back to you individually.

## Transition Outreach Activities

During the summer term, we will be holding virtual taster sessions for your child that are hosted by some of our MRC subject areas. Normally, we would seek to do these face to face, but current restrictions make this difficult to manage. I am keen, though, that your child doesn't miss out as a consequence. During lockdown we have all become better with our use of technology and we will be using this to provide virtual taster sessions for your child, as shown below. Your child's school will be sent details of these.

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We know that many families choose to send their children to us who live out of catchment. As a result, schools will have the option to participate in our transition sessions as a class or for those where the whole cohort does not transfer to MRC, schools can give the link to parents so that the child may do the sessions at home. Parents will also be able to view this via our website. <https://www.mrc-academy.org/information/transition>

Subject	Week Commencing
MFL	26 April
Geography	10 May
Drama	24 May
Art	07 June
History	14 June

### **Uniform**

Uniform and being proud to wear our uniform are important to us, as it demonstrates that your child is part of our community. We use Stevensons as our uniform supplier. Unfortunately, Stevensons are unable to offer their pop up shop at MRC this year. The uniform is only available from their shop in Guildford or via their website <https://www.stevensons.co.uk/Schools/midhurst-rother-college-midhurst/135>. An appointment system for their shop will be introduced during the summer months. They will offer a uniform bundle at a discounted price of £149 and more details of this will follow in the coming weeks. There are some compulsory branded items that are specific to us and need to be purchased through Stevensons. These include our blazer, tie, skirt and PE kit. Other items such as school shoes (which need to be black and polishable), trousers, socks, shirts and blouses can be purchased elsewhere. Please visit our website to see our full policy on uniform and our dress code.

### **Transport**

For families whose child would travel to Midhurst Rother College on Local Authority buses, WSCC transport will contact you. If you have any transport queries, these are only dealt with by WSCC, so please refer to their website <https://www.westsussex.gov.uk/education-children-and-families/schools-and-colleges/school-and-college-transport/>

We would also ask that if your child plays a musical instrument and you would like them to receive lessons (charged by WSCC), please let us know on this email address: [accept@mrc-academy.org](mailto:accept@mrc-academy.org) from where we will collate and inform the music department.

We will remain in regular contact over the rest of the summer term. In the meantime, if you have any questions please don't hesitate to get in touch. We want to make sure you and more importantly your child feels supported throughout the process.

Yours sincerely



Stuart Edwards  
Principal