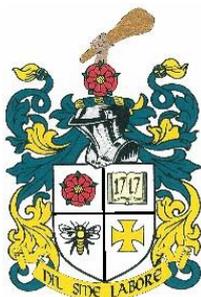


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Dear Parent/Carer

I am so pleased that your child/children will be joining Year 7 at Baines School in September 2021. It is an exciting time for me as the Headteacher to welcome the new students into the school. The school has a lot to offer, a safe and welcoming atmosphere where every child will feel supported as well as learning new subjects, have exciting lessons, opportunities to join school clubs and to make new friends.

It is such a shame that the pandemic has resulted in us not being able to organise our usual induction events. We have children joining Baines School from over forty different primary schools so it would not be appropriate for me to organise an induction event given the current virus situation before the summer holidays. We are in the process of organising a slightly different first day in September so that the new year 7 students will have an induction into the school in September where they will get to know the members of their form group, have a tour around school and learn the things they need to know to settle in happily. Please do reassure your children that they do not need to worry about their first day at Baines School, we will support them and are really looking forward to getting to know them.

We are a school with a lot of history and many generations of families have been educated at Baines School. We are proud of our history and the thousands of young people who have attended the school over the years. We also look to celebrate the many successes of our current students and look to the future to ensure our pupils receive a high-quality education that will give them a strong foundation for life in the twenty-first century.

I am sorry that you as parents and carers will not be able to physically attend our usual induction evening in school, but we are hosting a live event on Thursday 1st July starting at 6pm. Please use this link to join us for the evening <https://tinyurl.com/BainesNewY7>

Please also visit the transition section of our school website as you will find lots of useful information to support your child in their preparation for starting our school in September. I hope the information in this pack also helps your child to look forward to the start of term in September. No doubt you will have further questions and I am sure we will be able to answer those. Over the next year, we will be further developing our links with the community, we are hoping to reform the 'Friends of Baines' parent group and you will have the opportunity to talk to us about school as well as the usual consultation evenings.

Our summer newsletter will shortly be available on the school website, so please look out for that as it will give an insight into some of the opportunities your child will have here.

You should have received a letter about our Summer School being held during the week 26th to 30th July, I would like to encourage you to register your child as this will give them the opportunity to meet new friends, some staff and to familiarise themselves with the school, as well as having some English and mathematics lessons, as well as fun creative and sporting activities. There is no charge for the Summer School as the government are funding each place. To register, please fill in the form online <https://baines.lancs.sch.uk/summer-school/>

I hope that the information in this pack, alongside the live induction evening event and the further information on our website will give you all the information you need ready for September.

In the meantime, I hope the pupils have a fantastic summer break. I shall look forward to their first day **at 8.30am on Monday 6th September** when I will see them arriving, proud to be in their Baines uniform and ready for the exciting year ahead.

Thank you again for your time and interest, the staff here are really looking forward to working with you to ensure your child is happy and achieves his/her full potential.

Yours faithfully



Mrs A Chapman
Headteacher

