



We are currently creating plans to support our new students to move from primary to secondary school and would like to share them with you.



1 – We will be organising a special open evening on the 17th and 18th of June from 4-5, where our new students and their parents and carers can meet their new tutor. We will notify you by email which evening you should plan to bring your child along to. We will have uniform available for our students to have a look at with details about where uniform is stocked. Staff will be available to answer any questions students, parents or carers have about Southlands.



2 – We will be inviting our new students into Southlands for a day in July. There will be four different dates depending on which class the child in your care will be joining (6th, 7th, 8th or the 9th of July). We will contact each student's school, parents or carers to advise which date they will be invited for their transition day closer to the time. They can again meet their tutor and spend some time in our school trying out some lessons and having lunch with us. We will also be inviting parents and carers to come into Southlands in the afternoon to meet staff and have a short meeting with us. You might be wondering why we have to wait until the end of term for a transition day – we have to wait until our year 11 students have finished their exams and have left before we have the space in our school to invite our new students it.



3 – If you would like a social story for your young person to explain what they can expect during the transition day, we would be happy to write one to support our new students. Please let our office staff know in good time (at least 1 week) before your child/students transition day.



4 – Staff from Southlands will be making contact with each student's primary school. We have already visited many of our new students in their current school and have talked to their current staff. We will be asking staff and parents to support us by completing a student passport so that we can begin to get to know our new students and make plans to get ready for them on their transition day and in September.



5 – Transport. Southlands school have sent details of all of our new students to North Tyneside School Transport. If you wish to apply for transport for the child in your care you must complete the STEA form and return it to the Transport Team by the end of June. If forms are not received by the local authority travel will not be in place for September. The phone number for transport is 0191 643 8726.



7 – If any students, parents or carers have any questions about Southlands, then they are very welcome to take a look at our website or contact our school on 0191 300 0505. Our office staff will be happy to help them

Thank you for your support

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