

Dear families

Re Year 6 Open Evenings 2021

We hope this letter finds you safe and well. Schools across Pendle recognise how important transition events are for families to enable them to choose the right education pathway for their children and we are looking forward to launching our transition events for this year.

As headteachers and principals of the local secondary schools, we are very aware of local cases of Covid-19 in the community and the ongoing risk that this poses to us all.

We are collectively determined to ensure you are able to make informed decisions regarding your child's secondary school, as we know how important a decision this is. We are also very keen to protect the health and well-being of your family, as well as our staff and students.

We don't feel that having a traditional open evening this year is appropriate as we may not be able to meet your expectations around social distancing, mask wearing, contact tracing etc.

In order to provide you with a consistent experience as you choose a school for your child, we have agreed that Colne Park High, Colne Primet, Marsden Heights, Pendle Vale, and West Craven will host virtual open evenings this year.

These virtual events will give you a taste of what each school offers and an opportunity to find out more about what makes each school unique. These online events will take place on the published dates as follows:

Colne Park High	14 th October
Colne Primet	7 th October
Marsden Heights	29 th September
Pendle Vale	13 th October
West Craven	4 th October

Each school will be in touch with your child's primary school regarding additional opportunities to visit each school and/or meet with staff to support your decision making. These will be much smaller groups or one to one meetings to facilitate Covid safe arrangements for all concerned.

We hope you understand the reason we have taken this difficult decision this year and thank you for your support.

We wish you every success with your application and look forwards to meeting you in person soon.

Kind regards

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Headteacher,
Colne Park High
School



Mr D Lythgoe
Principal,
Colne Primet
Academy



Miss A Littlewood
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