



17th April 2023

Re: Welcome from the Principal

Dear Parent / Carer

It is my pleasure to welcome you to the Rushcliffe Spencer Academy community. I'm delighted that your child will be joining the school in September; we are very much looking forward to meeting and getting to know them.

As exciting as this stage is for children, we don't underestimate how daunted they (and you) may be feeling about the changes ahead. Over the next couple of months, there will be a carefully planned process to ensure a smooth transition for your child as they move from primary to secondary school. We want to learn as much as we can about your child – from them, from you and from their primary school – and make sure that you have all the information you need from us. Transition is led by Mr Crawley, Assistant Principal, so you can expect some communication from him in due course.

At Rushcliffe, we have a simple core purpose: that everyone will be given the chance to shine brightly. No matter what their talents or aspirations for the future, we want your child to have great opportunities whilst they are with us, thriving here and in their lives beyond. At the heart of this is a desire to create happy, healthy, well-rounded individuals. We have a clear set of core values and high expectations of everyone but we are also committed to providing the right support at the right time such that everyone is able to meet those expectations and overcome any challenges that stand in their way. A key part of this is working in partnership with parents and carers – and that begins during the transition process.

We'll send more details nearer the time but I wanted to give you advance notice of an induction evening for parents on Thursday 13th July. This will give you the opportunity to come into the school and meet some of the people who will work most closely with your child. On this same date, we invite the children to spend the day with us. Again, we'll share more details of this in due course.

I know both you and your child will have lots of questions. We're keen to ensure that everything is answered but I'd just ask you to hold those questions for now as I hope that the information we will send in the coming weeks will answer the vast majority of them. Rest assured that there will be the opportunity to follow up or ask anything additional later in the term.

I look forward to meeting you in a few weeks and, once again, wish you a warm welcome to our school.

Damian Painton
Principal