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Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2020

## Re: Year 5 Pupils Starting Secondary School in Sept 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

I do hope this letter finds you and your families well and safe. It seems like such a long time since we saw you all and we are all missing your children and 'normal' school very much.

We had planned to host a parent meeting this week to support you in applying for a secondary school place, as well as explaining the 11+ testing arrangements and dates for September.

If you would like your child to be entered into 11+ examinations for Grammar School, you must have completed the on-line registration by 31<sup>st</sup> May.

You can do this via the link below which is **now open**:

<https://www.wirral.gov.uk/schools-and-learning/school-admissions/apply-primary-or-secondary-school-place>

I have also attached a booklet which provides further information about grammar school assessment. I know I met with many of you in February at the Y5/6 parent teacher evening, but similarly you may have thought of further questions since then.

In these unfamiliar circumstances it is important that you have the chance to ask any questions and be clear on your next steps. To help our families, I am happy to host an online meeting using zoom so that I can share the information I would do usually and also answer any questions you may have. The meeting will take place at 4pm on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> May and you can join by doing the following:

- Download zoom onto your laptop, PC, phone or ipad <https://zoom.us/download>
- Just before 4pm on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> login  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88929560207?pwd=MktEZE4rWm4zRnllMUVJOU5xNzc2QT09>
- You will be asked to input this meeting ID: 889 2956 0207
- You will then need to input this password: 686686
- You will move into a waiting area and I will admit each family individually for security
- Please enable your video and microphone if you have them so we can see each other!

The first part of the meeting will be for **ALL FAMILIES** and I will explain how to apply for a secondary school place for September 2021. This will probably be about 15minutes and then some time for you to ask any questions you have. For those who want to know more about grammar school testing we will then continue for another 15minutes followed by questions.

Secondary schools would usually provide open evenings during the summer and autumn terms and I know they are working with the Local Authority to see how best they can safely share information with



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prospective families. Whilst we wait for the government's next advice it is a good idea for you to look at secondary school websites with your child and find out about what they can offer your family. Parents will need to make choices during the early Autumn term, so it is advisable to be well-informed.

I hope you will find the online meeting helpful – it will be a great opportunity to see you all too, so please encourage your son or daughter to join you!

Kind Regards,

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