



# ST MARGARET WARD CATHOLIC ACADEMY



Little Chell Lane  
Tunstall  
Stoke on Trent  
ST6 6LZ

Telephone: 01782 883000

Pupil Absence Line: 01782 883003

Email: [office@smwca.org.uk](mailto:office@smwca.org.uk)

Website: <http://www.stmargaretward.co.uk>

---

Principal: Mr. D. McKenna B.Soc.Sc. MA. PGCE. NPQH.

---

22Z/Y6Admissions/Information/HMF/LB

18<sup>th</sup> June 2020

Dear Parent/Carer

Once again, I would like to welcome you and any new families to the school since my earlier letter in April.

The change from Primary to Secondary school is an exciting process but it is also normal for both children and parents to feel uncertain and nervous about what lies ahead.

Many of you will have had a variety of opportunities to visit the school prior to the current, unavoidable closure, but we are aware some will not have had the chance to do this, especially if you do not attend one of our feeder schools, or have recently moved into the area.

We have been working very hard to provide information and activities to give you a flavour of life at St Margaret Ward Catholic Academy.

Accompanying this letter is a welcome booklet that introduces you to key staff for both you and your child when they join us in September.

Please make yourselves familiar with these people and encourage your son/daughter to fill in the "All about Me" section to hand in to their form tutor in September. In this way we will have introduced ourselves to each other!

On **Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2020** further information and activities will be posted on our school website. This will be clearly marked as **Year 6 Transition** and I encourage you to look at this on a regular basis to both enjoy and discover all we have to offer you and your child.

We have worked closely with the Primary schools who are sending students to us and we are grateful to them for all their help and support. Our feeder schools will have a link on their website that will send you directly to ours and away you go!

You will find a virtual video tour of the school with a map and introductions to key staff as you move around the different areas.

There will be messages from current year 7 students, sharing their experiences of life at St Margaret Ward Catholic Academy.

You will also discover extra information about the school, including FAQs, times of the day and uniform.

Due to the current climate our normal transition visits and lessons have not gone ahead but you are invited and encouraged to look at and complete the taster sessions that have been prepared by each department and all this can be done from home!

*Continued over.....*

---

**If you require this information in a different format, please contact the school.**



The primaries are also very kindly offering to run some of these sessions with those Year 6 children who are currently attending school.

As a Catholic school we strongly urge you to look at the **Catholic Life** section, which will help you understand our ethos and the Lasallian values we follow along with the expectations that come with this and what it means to be part of our community.

None of these sessions are compulsory; even if you only look at them without completing the tasks, you will be getting a flavour of the curriculum we deliver at SMWCA.

As mentioned in the booklet we will be delighted to receive pictures of any work that is completed or comments about the work and these will appear in a newsletter on the transition page on the website. Please send these pictures to [rmunden@smwca.org.uk](mailto:rmunden@smwca.org.uk)

In this new age of meeting via Teams or Zoom technology, we are hoping to have some form of **Friendship Day on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> July**. Further details will follow but it will be a perfect opportunity for the children to meet, albeit virtually, their new form tutor.

Miss Eardley (Head of Year) and myself are offering a selection of dates and times for parents/carers to join a virtual New Intake Parents meeting:

**Monday 29<sup>th</sup> June 7.00pm**  
**Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> July 11.00am**  
**Monday 6<sup>th</sup> July 11.00am**  
**Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> July 7.00pm**

Hopefully this will give every parent chance to join us.

We will send out invitations for the meeting you are able to attend. Therefore please give us your preference by sending an email to [jeardley@smwca.org.uk](mailto:jeardley@smwca.org.uk) or contacting the office on **01782 883000**.

On the website you will also find a form to complete if you have a specific question that has not been answered anywhere else. If you experience any difficulties with this process please let us know.

Apologies there is so much information in this letter, but we hope it will reassure you and make the transition a little easier. We know it is a daunting time and want to do all we can to raise your spirits during these difficult times.

We aim to support you and your child academically, socially, personally and spiritually. The opportunities we provide are endless and we want you to embrace each challenge with open arms.

I hope you are ready to embark on this next stage of your journey with us and that it is one full of success and achievement.

If you need to speak to me or need any more clarification please do not hesitate to contact me either by email [hfarrer@smwca.org.uk](mailto:hfarrer@smwca.org.uk) or by phoning the school office and I will return your call as soon as possible.

Yours faithfully



Mrs H Farrer  
Assistant Principal

---

**If you require this information in a different format, please contact the school.**

