BROOMWOOD PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers.

I'm sure that you are aware that year 6 is a crucial year for your child. Not only do they have their SATS test in May, but we are also supporting them in their transition onto high school.

Whilst we do not wish that any of our children feel anxious at the prospect of sitting their SATs, we want all of our children to perform to the best of their ability. To support with this, we put in much more intervention within year 6. To reduce class sizes, every morning the children are split across three teachers for English and Maths. The children are not split according to ability or friendship groups. We place children where we feel they are going to be able to perform at their best level. The teachers are Miss Bolchover, Mrs Cannon and Mrs Summers/Mrs Dodd.

In addition to this, children who are meeting the greater depth criteria will receive some separate intervention on a Wednesday and a Friday during lesson time. You will be informed if your child will be in this group.

We would really appreciate your support with attendance this year. It is vital that children's attendance is at least 95%. We have found that children miss a lot of content if they are absent from school and this has a detrimental impact on their overall achievement. We also have report attendance to high schools when completing transition forms.

High Schools

We are hoping that you have received your letter from Trafford in relation to high schools. If you are within another authority, you should have also received a letter. Please fill the application form in and get it sent back to Trafford, or your authority, before the closing date. If you haven't received your form, please contact school admissions as soon as possible. If you don't submit it on time, you may just be offered a school where there is space.

High school places in Trafford are limited as we have had a huge influx in children in year 5 and 6, particularly in our area and therefore choice is more limited. Please consider carefully which school you are most likely to get. Please remember, Trafford only legally have to provide you with a high school place in Trafford- it doesn't matter where in Trafford that it is. They do not, and cannot, always give your first preference. Our local schools are: Altrincham College, Wellington, North Cestrian, Sale High and BTH if Catholic. We also have the Grammar schools. You can put schools further afield, even within another authority.

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Some do's when considering the high school:

- Look at which high school your home is in catchment with- you are more likely to get this school if you select it as your first choice.
- Put your catchment school on regardless- even if it's not your favourite. You may be given a school on the other side of Trafford if you don't

Some don'ts when considering a high school:

- Don't fill the same school name in all five places- this doesn't mean that you are more likely to get the school
- Don't leave any gaps- consider which five schools you are happy to consider
- Don't put a Grammar school if your child hasn't sat or passed the 11 plus.

Many thanks

Dr. Louise Owen