

Deansfield Primary School

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26th May 2023

Dear Parents and Carers

SECONDARY TRANSFER 2024 (for current Year 5 children) and SCHOOL JOURNEY meeting from 6pm - 7pm on Tuesday 27th June 2023

It may seem some way off, but we will soon be asking you to consider Secondary School options for your child. The meeting is an opportunity to talk you through the process.

The process is generally straightforward. In the Autumn Term, you are encouraged to visit as many secondary schools as you feel necessary to help you make your decision and applications for Royal Borough of Greenwich residents must be made online at <http://www.royalgreenwich.gov.uk> following the links to Education. The site does not yet provide you with the information you will need, but in the coming weeks, it will have all the details to help you reach your decision, including dates of school open days and evenings in the Autumn Term when you will be able to make visits, as well as the Common Application Form which must be completed online. Please ensure you meet the deadlines – not completing your Form on time puts your child's secondary school place at risk. Please let the school office know the dates and times your child will be absent from Deansfield whilst making secondary school visits.

If you live outside the Royal Greenwich area, you will need to make your application via your home authority website. Please monitor their homepages to ensure you are kept up to date.

Some secondary schools which are not maintained by Royal Greenwich, such as Academies and faith schools, may also have separate admission requirements. The Royal Greenwich website will have further details on this at the appropriate time.

Royal Greenwich has many excellent secondary schools which I am sure you will wish to consider. However, we recognise that some parents may wish to register their child for the Bexley and/or Kent Selection Tests for Grammar School consideration. Please contact the school directly and ask them how to register for the test. Registration *must* be made online at <https://www.bexley.gov.uk/register-secondary-selection-test> and/or <https://www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children/schools/school-places/kent-test>. This site includes information concerning what children may expect from the tests. Please note that the selection tests can be quite stressful to some children and if you would like further guidance, I would be happy to advise you. If your child has special learning needs or disability, and needs specific resources to undergo the tests, or additional time because of

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their needs, details are available on the Bexley website as to how to process an application.

We would like to stress that if you are a Greenwich resident and you wish your child to transfer to a school maintained by a local authority, in any area, you need take no action until Royal Greenwich's website provides you with the information you need.

We will also discuss the year 6 school journey and answer any questions you may have.

Year 6 School Journey to Culmington Manor

Date: 5th to 9th February 2024

Centre details: Manor Adventure, Culmington Manor, Craven Arms, Shropshire SY7 9BY is renowned to be one of the best centres in England. Further information can be found on their website at <https://www.manoradventure.com/culmington-manor.php>

Cost: £360 per person which includes everything - accommodation, activities, food/drink and coach journeys. You are welcome to pay this in one lump sum or six instalments of £60 with the first instalment due by 30th June 2023 to secure your child's place.

The current Year 6's had a fabulous time when they went earlier this year, the activities on offer, the accommodation and the food were all excellent! Please take time to read through the parent pack attached.

Yours sincerely

Mrs C Daly
Headteacher