



5 March 2019

Dear Parent/Carer

Transition to High School – Our Lathom Offer

We are delighted that your child will be joining us from September 2019 and we would like to take this opportunity to welcome you as a family to our school. The next five academic years will be a major chapter in the life of your child and we are absolutely committed to making this period special and purposeful.

The journey we take with your child begins now. There is much that we can do to prepare the way, both practically and emotionally, so that your child will find the transition from primary school to high school as exciting and stress free as possible.

We hope that you had the opportunity to read our latest Ofsted report, which praises the journey of improvement our school has been on in recent years. Whilst we do hope that you will take time to read the report in its entirety, we would like to celebrate with you some comments which recognise the significant improvements made in a short space of time.

- ✓ *Since the last inspection, the **leadership** of the school has been **strengthened** at every level*
- ✓ *The **quality of teaching** has **improved considerably** since the last inspection. There is strong evidence in pupils' work that leaders' actions have been effective in improving the quality of teaching*
- ✓ *Pupils benefit from a **curriculum** that is **wide-ranging and balanced***
- ✓ *Pupils explained to inspectors that the **best thing** about their school is their **teachers**. They value the help and support that they receive. Staff foster **strong and supportive relationships** with pupils*
- ✓ *Pupils benefit from **highly effective pastoral support**. They **feel safe** in school*
- ✓ *Pupils' rates of **attendance** are **improving quickly***
- ✓ *The **behaviour** of pupils is **good***
- ✓ *There is a **calm atmosphere** around the school*
- ✓ *Pupils report that incidents of **bullying** are **rare**, and that staff **deal effectively** with any incidents that arise*
- ✓ *Most pupils are **self-assured learners** who want to do well at school. They demonstrate **positive attitudes to learning***
- ✓ *Pupils appreciate the benefits that a small school community can offer, **they liken their school to a family***

Lathom Staff on all School Transport

We are the only school in the area where staff travel on the school buses to greet students at every bus stop in the morning and see each child safely to their bus stop at the end of the school day. We offer a free bus service to any student who stays in school beyond 3.20pm to attend any of our extracurricular

activities. Our 'late' buses run at 4.00pm, 4.30pm and 5.00pm, with the exception of Fridays where there is just one late bus at 4.00pm.

Free School Uniform

For September 2019 Lathom will provide your child with a blazer, tie and PE kit all **free of charge**. We will collect your child's sizes on our Intake Evening, and the items will be ready for collection in July.

Getting to Know Your Child

It is extremely important that we become familiar faces in the life of your child over the coming months both within their own school setting and when we invite them, and you, to join us at Lathom High School. The dates of these events and activities will be communicated to you in the coming weeks.

To keep up to date please follow the links below to the school website, Facebook and twitter:

<https://lathomhighschool.org/>

<https://www.facebook.com/LathomHS/>

<https://twitter.com/LathomHS>

Finally, if you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact Mrs Marshall, our Senior Leader responsible for Transition, at the school.

Yours sincerely



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Headteacher