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Dear parents of Year 6,

We are writing to you regarding your child's transition to secondary education. At this time, both Erasmus Darwin Academy and Chase Terrace Academy (currently known as Chase Terrace Technology College) are working together to ensure that all students start positively in September and thus a letter applying to a September start for both schools has been prepared.

We want to reassure parents and carers that transition and your child's positive induction to secondary school remains a high priority for both schools and colleagues are working 'behind the scenes' to ensure that your child's transition goes as smoothly as possible, in these difficult times.

Whilst we all await further government advice, the planned induction days of 1st and 3rd July are still provisionally in place unless we are advised that these cannot go ahead in some form. If this is indeed the case and we have to cancel these, we will notify you well in advance of our alternative arrangements. In preparation of these days, we will send out details of how the days will run and the preparations that you and your child may need to make ahead through a presentation that will be shared with you. However, we have made the decision at this stage to postpone the planned parental evening on 24th June. You will be informed in advance of the rearranged time for this event.

We also want to inform parents of Year 6 students who may require additional help at transition that we will intervene as soon as reasonably possible to ensure that your child is not disadvantaged by the current situation. At this time, we cannot be certain when additional visits and meetings will take place but it will indeed be before any 'large scale' transition event. As per government guidance, visits or meetings at school regarding transition are not permitted at this time.

As in previous years, we will contact you again around mid-May, giving you an update with a virtual tour around the respective school and access to key documents that you, as parents, may wish to see prior to enrolment. Part of this process will be the submission of data to register and confirm your child's place for September. One final thing to note is that, following on from parental feedback regarding the purchase of school uniform, we appreciate that this is difficult at the moment. We have been reassured by our suppliers that they have uniform in stock and are able to take online orders. Please see the links below for you to access:

http://www.a4jdesigns.co.uk/

www.uniformsplus.co.uk

The admin team from the respective schools continue to work remotely and can be contacted on the details below so please contact us via e-mail should you have any further queries.

Yours Faithfully,

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