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Dear Parents and Carers

CHANGE OF YEAR 7 START DATE

I hope this letter finds you and your families well. Previously, Mrs Mulhall has written to you on behalf of The Sittingbourne School to inform you that Year 7s will be starting with us on Thursday 2 September.

However, in light of the changing guidance from the Department for Education and Public Health England regarding COVID testing of students before they return to school after the holidays, we have taken the decision to move **Year 7s first day of the new school year back to Friday 3 September**. Once we have confirmed guidance from HM Government, we will contact you with more details.

With regards to your child's transition, I can confirm that the majority of students in other year groups will not be returning to school until Monday 6 September in order to give the new Year 7s ample space to get to know the school. We are also running our summer school for new Year 7s from Monday 23 August to Friday 27 August. Please visit our transition page on the school website for useful information about life for Year 7:

<https://www.thesittingbourneschool.org.uk/page/?title=Year+6+Online+Transition&pid=132>

I will be in touch with you again over the coming weeks, but until then I wish you all a lovely summer and look forward to seeing the students in school soon.

Yours faithfully

Mr N Smith
Head of School