

Dear Parent/Carer

## **Cancelled - Transition Day 8/7/21**

We regret to inform you that the Local Authority have cancelled County Transition day and we are really disappointed. However, we are currently working with the first schools to secure a programme to support your child to feel excited and secure in their transition to us:

- A video link to introduce them to their tutor, a virtual tour of the school and an opportunity to hear our current Year 5 talk about their experiences
- An opportunity to complete a well-being activity that introduces them to Edwinstree and provides an insight into their 'wonderfuls' and what makes them unique
- A September Transition/Induction Day on 3/9/21 to allow students to attend on their own and familiarise themselves with the school, before the rest of the students return

In agreement with first schools, we still plan to offer a bespoke transition programme for any SEND child or student identified as vulnerable by offering additional visits. These visits will involve a tour of the school when students are in lessons and an opportunity to meet with the Learning Zone SEND Team, who support the transition of our most vulnerable students.

## **Will we get a chance to meet you?**

We continue to plan for a Virtual Parents evening via Teams at **5pm on 8th July 2021**. You will have an opportunity to meet the Head of Year, key members of staff and discuss the expectations for the start of term, an invitation link will follow. Please email [admissions@edwinstree.herts.sch.uk](mailto:admissions@edwinstree.herts.sch.uk) with any questions you may have in advance, so they can be addressed at the meeting. We recommend all new parents try to attend this event, as it will help allay any fears you or your child may have about starting a new school.

## **School Uniform**

We have made the decision to revert to our normal Edwinstree universal school uniform from September 2021. Our uniform policy is designed to make sure we minimise the cost to you so items can be purchased from most supermarkets, the universal uniform list can be found on our website. PE Kit can be purchased online direct from Price and Buckland. Please see the attached uniform list. Edwinstree school ties can be purchased from the school office priced at £5.

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## Would your child like to learn a musical instrument?

All children at Edwinstree Middle School have class music lessons of 1x1 hour period per week. In addition to this we are pleased to be able to offer lessons in a wide range of instruments. The lessons are given by tutors who visit the school and are as follows:

Brass - Trumpet/Trombone/French horn	Mr M Peach
Clarinet/Saxophone/Oboe/Flute	Miss L Tunstill
Drums	Mr B Johnson
Guitar - Acoustic/Electric/Bass	Mr A Skelton
Piano/Keyboard	Ms M Bradshaw
Singing	Mr D Sherringham
Violin	Mrs C Ball

To apply for piano or keyboard lessons please email [admissions@edwinstree.herts.sch.uk](mailto:admissions@edwinstree.herts.sch.uk) with a contact number and whether your child would prefer a 20 minute or 30 minute lesson. All other lessons are provided by Herts Music Service, please visit their website to apply <http://www.hertsmusicservice.org.uk>

## What if I have additional questions?

Our school is always warm and welcoming and if you have a worry or concern at any point, we really encourage you, as a parent, to let us know. Our best form of communication is email, as very few teachers have access to a phone during the school day. School Office opening hours are 8:30am – 4pm daily. Please email either of the following and we will endeavour to get back to you within 24 hours.

Transition enquiries	<a href="mailto:admissions@edwinstree.herts.sch.uk">admissions@edwinstree.herts.sch.uk</a>
Head of Year	<a href="mailto:hoy5@edwinstree.herts.sch.uk">hoy5@edwinstree.herts.sch.uk</a>

Please remember, no query is too small, please ask, as we are clear that a successful and content student is one where parents and school work together. We look forward to welcoming your child to Edwinstree as they begin the next stage of their educational journey.

Yours sincerely

**Jo Gant**  
**Headteacher**

Uniform list  
Price & Buckland information