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Dear Parent/Carer

We are excited to welcome your daughter into our school community and as part of our transition strategy, she is invited to attend a taster day in school on 4<sup>th</sup> July 2024. Your daughter should wear her primary school PE kit but may like to bring a named jumper should it turn cold, especially in the evening. She will need a water bottle, a pen and pencil and possibly some sunscreen, but all other resources will be provided for the day.

Students will experience a range of activities, including three taster lessons. They will also get to meet other students who will be in their tutor group in September. They will be guided around the school by some of our current Year 7 and Year 12 girls and get a chance to see the different buildings and areas of the school to help familiarise themselves with what to expect in September.

A free school dinner will be provided on the day to give them a chance to familiarise themselves with our canteen. If your daughter has any dietary requirements, please let us know in advance, so that we can ensure there is something suitable available. (There are vegetarian options available at every meal). There is also an opportunity to purchase a snack at break time and to help with this your daughter should bring no more than £3 in change. We are usually a cashless school and so are unable to change up larger notes.

You are also cordially invited to join us and your daughter from 4pm in the afternoon to meet with senior staff, your daughter's form tutor and enjoy a walk around the school grounds seeing some of our FSGBacc activities. We will organise these activities on a carousel so all parents/carers get an opportunity to see them all. Therefore, please assume you will be in school from 4pm to 6.30pm. Please enter the school through the main entrance, where there will be staff available to direct you.

Regretfully there is no parking on the school site and Coolinge Lane is an exceptionally busy road so we would really appreciate it if you would help us by arriving no earlier than 8.45am to drop your child off for a 9am start. Please give yourself plenty of time as you may be required to park/drop off some distance from the school gates. Similarly, we would appreciate it if you would arrive no earlier than 3.45pm as parking at this time is no better than in the morning! It may be necessary (and easier) to park further away from the school grounds and walk in; car sharing even better. Again, please allow plenty of time for this, so that we can begin the afternoon promptly; parking can be stressful and we don't want your first experience of FSG to be frustrating.

Please note that the school is a dog free site, however, if you do require disabled parking, or wish to bring an assistance dog, please contact us in advance, so that we can make appropriate arrangements. We look forward to meeting you and your daughter on the 4<sup>th</sup> July.

Yours sincerely

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