



Alameda Middle School

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July 2021

Dear Year 4 parents and carers,

I hope that you and your families are well and coping with these challenging times. In my recent letter to you, informing you of the change we had to make to our transition plans for this year, I mentioned our parent/carer information evening on **Monday 12th July**.

We have been working with headteachers other leaders and teachers at the lower schools with our transition. We have been able to hold virtual meetings and Mrs Sibley has been able to work closely with them to use your feedback from the friendship forms to create form groups for September. Mrs Sibley will share these with you during the week beginning 12th July; this will be via a letter which will also have some video links on, with an introduction from your child's form tutor and a short tour of important areas of the school. As always, we appreciate that the allocation of form groups can cause some anxiety. I would like to reassure you that a lot of thought and joint planning goes into creating these groups and we always ask that you allow at least half a term before requesting any changes. The reason for this is that years of experience tells us that the vast majority of concerns are resolved very quickly without changes being made and that making changes often causes other knock on impacts. Allowing time to settle is really important.

Mrs Sibley went to our feeder schools last week to meet (socially distanced) with the children and to answer questions they have had. We have also started tours of the school, after school with each class bubble or socially distanced with our out of catchment children.

We will be holding a virtual information evening on **Monday 12th July**. We will be using google meet to provide a live presentation by me, our chair of governors and Mrs Sibley. We will divide this between lower schools with

Maulden and the Firs at 6pm

Link to meeting: <https://meet.google.com/jkz-uahg-mbw>

Russell and out of catchment schools at 7pm.

Link to meeting: <https://meet.google.com/zdp-nrpt-wzk>

If there any particular questions that you would like us to answer on this evening, please send them in via email to office@alamedamiddleschool.org.uk by 9am on Friday 9th July.

We are planning for there to be a week of transition activities in September, which will consist of getting to know the form tutor and their peers, finding where places are and wellbeing activities, which will continue throughout their time at Alameda.

I look forward to meeting you and working with you and your child over the next four years.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'M Warner', with a stylized, cursive script.

Miss M Warner
Headteacher