



Dear parent/carer,

I am writing to you today to share with you some information in relation to the children's 'Treasure Chest' activity and the 'Pen Portrait' activity.

I hope that you have found some time to sit down with your child/ren to look through the Transition 2020 webpages on our school website:

<https://sites.google.com/dchs-alnwick.uk/transition/home>

If you haven't yet managed to have a look, please do so as there is a lot of information and lots of answers to questions: we have included our Reading Aloud project - the Senior Leadership are reading The Gruffalo this week, information with regards to music lessons, typical menus, photos of the school, staff profiles, etc.

Treasure Chest



This is an activity for your child/ren to complete - you are very welcome to support them with this. What is a Treasure Chest? A treasure chest contains your treasures - a photo/s of a loved one/s; a photo of a pet; a favourite thing; an item to represent your favourite hobby, e.g. a football, a horse-riding helmet, an X-Box game, a piece of music; a photo of a favourite place; essentially anything that is important to your child/ren. Mine definitely contains chocolate - Cadbury's at that!

I would like to invite the children to make their own Treasure Chest to share with us. These could be drawings, a photo of an actual collection of items they have put together, a PowerPoint presentation/Google Slide Show or even a short video. How the children present their Treasure Chest is up to them. When they have completed their Treasure Chest, we would love you to share them with us by Friday 26th June so that we can get to know them better. Please use the email address:

TransitionContact@dchs-alnwick.uk

It will be lovely for the children to talk about their Treasure Chests in their form classes when they arrive with us if they would like to as they get to know each other. I will share the Treasure Chests with key staff who support your children, including tutors.

Please look on the Transition Website for my own 'Treasure Chest' in the Student Zone.

Pen Portrait

In essence we are asking you to let us know about your child/dren - what are their interests and areas of expertise, what motivates them, what are their strengths, what areas do they need to build on and improve, and anything else you feel it would be good for us to know. It would be great if you could add a photo or two as it will be really helpful in putting faces to names.

I look forward to receiving the Pen Portraits and reading them all; they are also shared with the relevant staff and Form Tutors so that they too get a head start in knowing their new students. It would be great if we could receive these by Friday 26th June so that I can share them with key staff before the summer break; feel free to start sending them whenever you feel able to:

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Please continue to check the Transition Website as we will continue to add to the website as more information becomes available. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Kind regards,
Karen Hopper.