The purpose of the parent/carer questionnaire

This parent/carer questionnaire forms part of the school's transition programme and is designed to gather valuable information about the views, questions and support needs of families as their child prepares to move from Year 6 to Year 7. The information collected will help schools to understand parent and carer confidence, identify any concerns about transition, and determine what additional information or support may be required to ensure pupils experience a positive and successful transition to secondary education.

It is recommended that this questionnaire is completed by parents and carers during the Autumn 2 term. This aligns with the period when Year 6 pupils complete their own transition questionnaire and when Year 6 teachers deliver the whole-class transition lesson.

The information obtained through the pupil questionnaire, parent/carer questionnaire and transition lesson can be used to inform transition planning at a whole-school, group and individual level. Schools can use this information to identify common themes across the year group, develop targeted support for specific groups of pupils and plan personalised transition arrangements where required.

Communication with parent/carer(s)

Feedback from parents and carers should be used to inform communication and engagement throughout the transition process. Common questions, concerns and themes identified through the questionnaire may be addressed through:

- Parent evenings.
- Reviews of existing support plans and transition arrangements.
- School newsletters and transition updates.
- Updates to the school's transition page on the website.
- Individual telephone calls.
- Consultation meetings with school staff.
- Transition planning meetings involving relevant professionals.
- Reviews of SEND support plans or pastoral support arrangements.