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Dear Parents and Carers of Year 6 pupils,

### **Newbridge School Application Process 2021**

You will be aware that applications to all secondary schools in Caerphilly close on 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2021. The application process is dealt with by the local authority, but to support this the school is offering a virtual presentation and a series of online videos. These are to replace our usual 'Open Evening', which unfortunately we cannot run this year due to the ongoing risk assessment requirements around Covid.

- **Headteacher Presentation with Question and Answers – Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> October at 5.00pm**  
*This session will be online, and is open to any parents and families who wish to see up-to-date information about the school and potentially ask questions. It is not mandatory, and may not be necessary for parents who already know about the school or have made their mind up to apply to Newbridge as first-choice. The link to the meeting will be published on the school website [www.newbridgeschool.org.uk](http://www.newbridgeschool.org.uk) under the 'Transition' section.*
- **Department videos including 'virtual tour of the school'**  
*These are currently available on our website, under 'Transition', and updated 2021 versions will be available from 5<sup>th</sup> October.*
- **Individual questions**  
*These can be submitted to the school email address [newca@caerphilly.gov.uk](mailto:newca@caerphilly.gov.uk) and all will receive a response. If the question is too complex or too personal for you to write down, we can arrange a callback telephone conversation.*

*Questions should be those which decide whether or not you will apply to our school. Please do not send 'transition' questions – eg. what uniform is required? – as these will be covered by our transition programme, which begins once pupils have been offered a place in our school. The transition programme includes visits from our staff (and pupils) to catchment primary schools, and all pupils visiting us during the summer term.*

- **Applying from out of catchment**  
*Our catchment area and admissions criteria (including oversubscription criteria) is controlled by Caerphilly County Borough Council and is published on their website. However we do welcome applications from families who live outside of the catchment area and we receive many of these each year, with a number of pupils in each year group from 'non-catchment' primary schools. If you are considering applying from out of catchment and have specific questions, these can be raised through the options listed above.*

Please be aware that we cannot advise on the likelihood of any applications to our school being successful – all applications are managed by the local authority.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A. Thompson', followed by a period. The signature is written in a cursive style.

Mr. A. Thompson  
Headteacher