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Dear parents / carers,

I hope this letter finds you well and that the return to full time school has been a smooth transition for your child.

I am delighted to report that the link within Folio Education Trust between Coombe Wood Secondary School and the two Folio Primary Schools - Park Hill and St Peter's, has grown ever stronger since our opening in September 2018. We now have all feeder spaces being taken up by both schools and approximately half of our current year 7 cohort is made up of children who have just departed from one of our Folio Primary Schools.

This provides great continuity for our children and we hope the Folio relationship can go from strength to strength in the coming years.

With this in mind, I would like to draw your attention to our Virtual Open Evening for year 7 entry September 2021 that goes live on our website today, Wednesday 23rd September and will remain online as we move towards half term and the time when you as parents / carers must submit the Common Application Form (CAF) for your child.

Our Virtual Open Evening is freely available to view on the website and consists of a Headteacher's talk, Head of Department videos, current student videos and a virtual tour of our fantastic new building due to open January 2021. There are also a number of academic and extra-curricular documents that will give you further insight into the workings of Coombe Wood School.

In addition, you will find information relating to our Health Related Fitness Assessment which represents another potential route into the school for year 6 students.

We do hope you will be able to take a look at our Virtual Open Evening over the coming days and weeks. Last year we received 1370 applications for 180 places in year 7. I hope that once you have had a look at our Virtual Open Evening, seen the positive working relationships that exist and also seen the new £35 million state of the art building within which these relationships will thrive, that you will also add Coombe Wood School onto the CAF for your child.

Thank you for taking the time to digest this letter and once you have seen our Virtual Open Evening, please do not hesitate to get in touch with us if you have any further queries or questions about student life at CWS at the following email address [enquiries@cws.foliotrust.uk](mailto:enquiries@cws.foliotrust.uk)

Yours Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'B Laker', written in a cursive style.

Mr B Laker

Headteacher