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Headteacher:
Mr P Walker BSc (Hons)

Dear Year 6 students,

Firstly, and most importantly, I hope you and your families are well. You have already received a letter from school regarding your place at Crofton Academy in September. I am aware that there will be many questions you will have about your transition to secondary school, maybe lots more given the current situation which we, along with all Year 6 students across the country, are facing. This letter is to you give you a little information about how we will work together over the next few weeks as we experience a very different start to secondary education.

As your Achievement Leader, I firstly think you need to know a little about me. I have been teaching since 1996, and arrived at Crofton in 1998. I was the Head of Music for fifteen years before becoming a Head of Year (now known as Achievement Leader). I teach Music, French and Media and I look forward to seeing many of you in my classes during your time with us.

I have had the privilege to work with over 200 students and their parents/carers for the last five years: my year group (Class of 2020) have, like yourselves, had an abrupt and unforeseen end to their time at school. There are a range of emotions surrounding the current situation and I want to reassure you that when we meet I will work closely with you, your families and the wonderful staff at Crofton Academy to ensure you have the best possible start. I am already working with lots of staff to ensure you can have a positive transition to our Academy, and am really looking forward to meeting all of you.

I am sure that you will have been completing lots of work set by your current Year 6 teachers, and would encourage you do to as much as possible at home whilst we are not in 'normal' school mode. I also hope you've been helping around the house and learning many new skills. My own children are becoming great bakers (thanks to their mother's baking skills) and are learning how to tidy their rooms more willingly! It would be really good to find out what you have been getting up to during the last few weeks so please do ask your parents/carers to be in touch with any stories/pictures that will help us, at school, to get to know a little bit more about you all: you can send any of this information to us at Year6@CroftonAcademy.org.uk and also use this email if you have any questions.

Please ask your parents/carers to complete the induction forms that are in this pack and send them back to school as soon as possible so that we can get in touch with you and answer any questions. We will need this information before we reply!

I know it is a really strange time for you all and want to end by giving you some advice. I have a reputation for being clear! You may have heard lots of stories about life at Crofton Academy and I hope that we will soon be together to make our own. You may, naturally, have some worries about leaving your current school, but please remember that we will work hard together, as a team (you, your parents/carers and our staff) to ensure your move to Crofton Academy is enjoyable, exciting and memorable.



I wish you, and your families, well during these challenging times. Above all else, please stay safe. I look forward to seeing you soon.

With my very best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "James J. MacDonald." The signature is written in a cursive style with a period at the end.

Mr J F MacDonald
Year 7 Achievement Leader