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Dear Parents/Carers,

Selection Test and Secondary Transition

I appreciate that many of you are becoming concerned about arrangements for the selection test and the list of preferences for secondary school. Below I outline our main activities, but please call me, via the school office if you have any unanswered questions.

Selection Test

We want to ensure that those children who will be able to take full advantage of a selective education are fully prepared, whilst also providing all the recovery (catch-up) work that is necessary following the lockdowns. Our curriculum plan for the summer term will therefore look slightly different from the norm.

Firstly, please email on office@westleigh-jun.southend.sch.uk by April 30th to let us know if your child is likely to be taking the selection test. This will be important information for us. If you are not sure and want some advice, please make an appointment to either see me or to have a phone conversation.

The CSSE application process opens on May 18th and closes on July 2nd. There will be further information available later this month about how to apply and I will write to you again outlining the important considerations.

We will be covering teaching points for the test in school, working through practice sessions on the wide variety of skills in maths, English and verbal reasoning that are required. We will also be administering tests in late June and July so that the children become accustomed to the style of the papers.

From some time in May, once we know that your child is taking the test, we will be sending home some papers for you to use at home. You will be able to mark the papers and then the children can return them to school for a class review.

At the moment the 11+ Selection Test is scheduled for Saturday September 18th 2021, although that date is with the DfE and may be delayed according to the COVID situation at the time.

Secondary School Preferences

You will have plenty of time to put your school preferences for transfer from Year 6 to Year 7 in to the LA, Southend or Essex. Again, I will write to you with further details, later in the term. Applications do not need to be in until October 31st, and there is no prize for being first.

Most of the secondary schools are hoping to have open days of some sort or other. You will be sent the information as it becomes available. In the autumn term, when your child is in Year 6 and before the October 31st deadline, there will be an opportunity to come and see me to discuss your preference order, if you wish to do so.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Cheryl Woolf". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'C' and a stylized 'W'.

Cheryl Woolf
Executive Headteacher