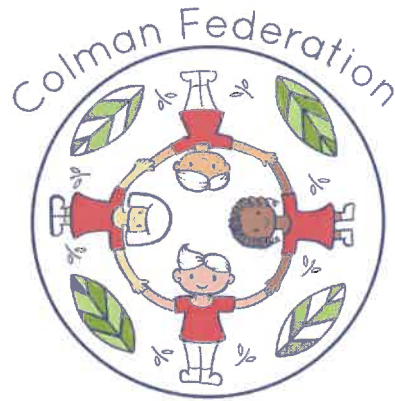


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Dear Parents and Carers of Year 6 pupils

High School Admissions

You will be receiving your child's high school admission pack from the Local Authority today. This comprehensive pack gives you lots of important information about selecting the right high school for your child. As a school we have no involvement at all in this process; we are not told which schools you choose and we do not find out where your child will be going to high school until you do at the end of March 2024.

Over the last three years we have seen a significant increase in the number of Year 6 parents and children who are not happy with the high school place they receive and there is very little that we as a school can do to help you rectify this situation.

However, I have spoken to Norfolk County Council admissions about this and they have offered some top tips for ensuring that you are happy with the high school placement you receive. The advice is:

- Read the information about each high school carefully and make sure that you take the time to visit the schools you are considering applying for.
- You have **three** choices of high school. Make sure you put down three different high schools. **DO NOT** only put one choice down or the same choice three times. This will not ensure you get this school and might mean that you end up with a school that is a complete surprise to you.
- Do your research and know which high school is your catchment school. Your catchment school is based on your home postcode and this information can be found at the website www.whereilive.norfolk.gov.uk
- The high school you are most likely to be offered is your catchment high school based on your home postcode. If Colman Junior is not your catchment primary school, you cannot assume that your child will automatically be given a place at CNS. CNS is oversubscribed and priority will go to catchment pupils.

- Be realistic - if you do not live in the catchment area for a specific high school, it is highly unlikely that your child will be given a place there. Most high schools in the local area are all over subscribed and catchment pupils are prioritised.

I hope that this information will be useful to you and help you make the right and informed choice for your child.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss this further, we are here to help. We can't recommend high schools for you but we do have considerable experience with admissions and high school transition. Please let us know if we can help you in any way with this important decision.

With best wishes



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