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Dear Parents/ Carers

Thank you for choosing St Ives School for your child's new secondary school from September. We are delighted they will be joining our happy and successful school community and very much look forward to welcoming our new students over the summer term as they begin their transition to Year 7.

The move to secondary school is an important step in our lives: for both children and parents. I know that moving on to secondary school marks a 'new beginning' and one which is often both exciting as well as perhaps a little daunting too. Please be assured that our dedicated staff team are here to help and will be on hand to provide all the support, advice and encouragement you and your child need.

We offer a carefully planned programme of transition events for students including time in school to get to know staff, classmates and, importantly, their way around! If your child is worried, or you feel they need more time with us, our Head of Lower School Mr Stevens at sstevens@st-ives.cornwall.sch.uk and we will work with you to adapt our transition programme to provide the support they need. Our aim is to ensure that every child is confident to begin their secondary journey with us in September; we believe that confident, happy learners will be able to make great progress in school and getting off to a 'flying start' is a key part of this.

Our new students and families often have lots of questions about St Ives School. These can be about a whole range of things: timetables, making friends, uniform, equipment, arriving in school, school lunches, homework, rewards and learning are all frequently 'hot topics' for our new students. We hope that our transition events will provide the answers to many of the questions you have: if not, if you or your child would like more advice, you are very welcome to phone our team via Reception or to contact us on enquiries@st-ives.cornwall.sch.uk You may also find the information on our website is helpful: all our policies are there, and in the admissions section you will find our prospectus.

On a personal note, I have worked with the staff team at St Ives School since 2014. With the support of Truro and Penwith Academy Trust, the school has gone from strength to strength. Our commitment to understanding each child as an individual, and caring for and supporting their welfare and development as a core part of their education, have remained at the heart of all we do at St Ives School.

There are three secondary partner schools (Hayle Academy, St Ives School and Cape Cornwall School) within the TPAT family, and we work closely together, and with our partner primary schools. We believe that by collaborating and sharing our approaches, we can ensure that every child experiences the very best quality of education. Our aim is to nurture and inspire our students to achieve their full potential, and in doing so, to have a firm foundation for their progression to future

success. We combine high academic standards with a wide range of opportunities for personal development and growth, and we ensure that students enjoy learning and have fun, along the way.

In all we do, our partnership with parents is key to our student's success. We value your feedback, contribution to, and support for the school. On behalf of the St Ives School staff team I would like to welcome you to our school and look forward to sharing in your child's achievements and progress over the years to come.

Yours faithfully

Mrs Jan Woodhouse, Executive Headteacher

