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Dear Parents and Carers,

Moving On – Secondary Transfer

Attached please find a leaflet from Hertfordshire County Council about your child's transition to secondary school. I have also included the handout that we usually give out to Year 6 parents at our secondary transfer meeting. As we don't want to crowd you into a classroom unnecessarily, I am sending this home for you to see. If you have any queries or concerns I will be in Year 6 at the end of the day on Thursday and will be happy to help you if I am able, although obviously I cannot make specific recommendations.

The key points are:

1. Make sure you **complete your application by 31st October**...every year someone forgets and their child is cause unnecessary stress at the beginning of March!
2. **Don't be negative** about schools or other parents' choices - particularly in front of your child. If you do not get your preferred choice, your child may easily be allocated to a school you have been negative about. As a result, they feel worse about the situation than they would otherwise. Keep your thoughts to yourself.
3. Remember you are the adult and whilst you must bear in mind that your child will be attending the school, not you, you should also be aware that a child's reason for choosing a school is not always the most sensible. At the age of eleven, today's best friend can be tomorrow's worst...

Yours sincerely,

Mrs D Raftery
Headteacher



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