

19th May 2020

Dear Parent / Carer

I am delighted to welcome your child to Whickham School from September 2020. This is an exciting time for your child and to help ease their worries, please find enclosed information regarding your child's transfer to Whickham School.

The school closures will mean our transition programme will be different to previous years. Please be assured that as a school we will continue to do whatever we can to support you and your child in these uncertain times so they are fully prepared to join us in September 2020. Further details will follow.

You will be required to purchase the following items so your child is fully prepared for their start at Whickham School, please see attached flyers with regards to school uniform/PE uniform orders.

School uniform

This can be purchased online through: www.michaelsehgal.co.uk and delivered directly to your home address.

School PE kit

This can be purchased online through: impackapparel.com and will be delivered to school for collection. The deadline for ordering PE kits is the 1st of June. PE kits can be collected from Whickham School on Saturday 27th June in the Sixth Form building. Please adhere to the following times in surname alphabetical order to ease congestion and so we can follow social distancing guidelines:

9-00 - 9.30am	A-D	10.30 - 11.00 am	M-P
9.30 - 10.00 am	E-H	11.00 - 11.30am	Q-U
10.00 - 10.30am	I-L	11.30 - 12.00pm	V-Z

PE suppliers will also be available at Whickham School on Saturday 11th July following the above times, to deal with any returns/exchanges you may have. Any outstanding PE kits to be collected will be delivered to school in September and you will be emailed via the supplier to let you know the PE kit is available to collect.

Starter packs

The starter pack contains an equipment pack, tie, apron (for Design and Technology lessons), a pupil planner, a scientific calculator and a sketchbook. The cost of the pack is £22

Payments can be made on-line via the school's Parentpay Shop. Please visit the school's website 'www.whickhamschool.org' and follow the links 'Parents', 'Parentpay Shop', 'Year 7 Starter Pack'.

The starter packs deadline for ordering is the 1st June and these can also be collected on Saturday 27th June in the Sixth Form building when you collect your PE kits.

Further details on the school uniform policy, PE kit and starter packs can be found by visiting the parental section on the Whickham School website.

Personal information

We also require some important information prior to your child attending Whickham School and we will email an electronic questionnaire to you for this purpose. If you would prefer a paper copy, please contact the school office on 0191 4960026 and we will post the forms to you.

All pupils in Year 7 will study one modern language: namely, French or German. If you wish to opt for either French or German, please contact Lisa Sutton on 0191 4960026 ext 207 before Friday 29th May. There is no need to respond if you have no particular preference regarding this matter.

To access up to date information about Whickham School please follow us on Facebook and Twitter.

We are looking forward to a productive partnership with you to ensure your child achieves their potential. We recognise that, in order to be successful in school, children need support from both home and school. We know a strong partnership with you will make a great difference in your child's education.

Yours sincerely

Mr J McCaughey
Head of Key Stage 3