



Summer School 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

In collaboration with our primary colleagues, Whickham School intends to offer a summer school place to every child who is due to enter Year 7 in 2021. This will be fully funded through the DfE summer school programme. We will be offering an exciting blend of subject and topic based learning and engaging activities, with pastoral and emotional wellbeing support to ensure we have everyone feeling confident and secure.

Our aim is to give children the best start we can to their secondary education as we believe that a flying start is the best way to put the challenges of the past 18 months behind us. We are utterly focused upon the future as we slip the covid anchors.

This is a partnership between schools, staff, parents and children, and we want to do all we can to make it easy to participate. We will offer two different weeks this summer; [week 1 from Monday 26th July to Friday 30th July](#), with [week 2 running from Monday 23rd August to Friday 27th August](#) (between these weeks the school proposes to run the usual 3 week long sports camp that will be available to a wider age range). All children will be offered at least one week and there will be capacity to offer a significant number of children places for both weeks (the weeks will have similar structures, but different content). Families who have holidays booked will be able to select the week their children will be able to attend.

The formal day will run from 8:45am to 2:55pm, with wrap around care being available from 8:00am to 5:00pm for those children who may require it. We will publish more details nearer the summer, but for now we need to gauge the demand to allow us to fully implement our plans.

We will be offering something exciting, engaging, educational, reassuring, that is well staffed and resourced. Participation will make a difference to the start we can make in September and ensure that every child has the best opportunity to make a fabulous start to their secondary education.

To ensure that your child has their place on the programme please complete the online form from this [link](#) (or type this into your browser <https://forms.gle/cgfTaZFLVqTxBYLs7>). If you need further assistance please contact the school.

The programme is coordinated by the trust central team who would be delighted to help make things as straightforward as possible. If you have any questions please email shaigh@whickhamschool.org

We are excited to be working with you and your child this summer.

Kind regards

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