

30th April 2021

Dear Parent / Carer

I am delighted to welcome you and your son or daughter to Whickham School. The transition process is an important one and we want to ensure you have all of the information you need and that we support your child in looking forward to joining us.

There are a number of things that you will need to do over the coming weeks and months and we have put together a range of information to support you.

### **School uniform**

All students are required to be in full uniform each day. You can find our uniform expectations through accessing this [link](#) or visiting the school website at <https://www.whickhamschool.org/parents-information/uniform/>

Uniform can be purchased online through: [www.michaelsehgal.co.uk](http://www.michaelsehgal.co.uk) or by clicking [here](#) and delivered directly to your home address. Free Delivery and returns is available for a limited time in May and June only. To access this free service please insert discount code **FREEDELIVERY21** at the checkout.

### **School PE kit**

This can be purchased online through [impackapparel.com](http://impackapparel.com) or by clicking [here](#) and will be delivered to school for collection. PE kits can be collected from Whickham School on Saturday 3rd July in our sports hall. 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 - 10.00am	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 17th July between 9:00-10:30am to deal with any returns/exchanges. Any outstanding PE kits that are not picked up by this date will be delivered to school in September and you will be emailed via the supplier to let you know when the PE kit can be collected.

### **Student starter packs**

The starter pack contains an equipment pack, tie, apron (for Design and Technology lessons), a student planner, scientific calculator and 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](http://www.whickhamschool.org)' and follow the links 'Parents', 'On-line Shop', 'Year 7 Starter Pack'. The starter packs can also be collected on Saturday 3rd July in the sports hall 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 require some important personal information prior to your child joining us so that we are in a position to meet every student's needs and communicate effectively with you. Please access this link by [clicking here](#) to complete this information and ensure this is completed by 14th May. If you would prefer to complete this information using another way please contact the school office on 0191 4960026.

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 14th May. There is no need to respond if you have no particular preference regarding this matter.

### **Transition dates for your diary**

**28th May:** Y6 Pupils informed of their tutor group and transition activities set on Google Classroom with guidance.

**14th June:** Deadline date for PE kit, uniform and starter pack orders.

**23rd, 24th and 25th June:** AEN transition days at Whickham School (invite only)

**3rd July:** Uniform, PE kit and starter pack collection at Whickham School sports hall

**5th and 6th July:** Year 6 Experience days - these will be held at Whickham School

**6th July:** Year 6 Virtual Parents Evening

**6th July:** Maths and tutor activities ('This is me') deadline

**17th July:** PE kit returns at Whickham School sports hall

More information on these events will be supplied nearer the time.

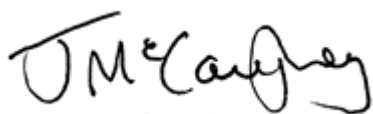
### **Summer school**

You will be receiving some information very soon about our proposed summer school. We will be offering an exciting blend of subject and topic based learning and engaging creative and sporting activities. We will also provide pastoral and emotional wellbeing support to ensure students both enjoy the programme and feel excited about joining us in September.

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 over the next seven years. We recognise that, in order for your son or daughter to be safe, happy and successful at school, we need to form an effective partnership with you. This starts now and we are looking forward to meeting you.

Yours sincerely



Mr J McCaughey  
Senior Pastoral Leader