

3rd May 2022

Dear Parent / Carer

I am delighted to welcome you and your child 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 and PE kit

All pupils are required to be in full uniform each day. You can find our uniform expectations by visiting the school website <https://www.whickhamschool.org/parents-information/uniform/>

Our supplier, Michael Sehgal, will be holding a popup shop event at Whickham School on Saturday 18th June in our main hall to purchase uniforms and PE kit. Fitting appointments are available in school on Saturday 18th June for our new Year 7 pupils and can be booked <https://www.michaelsehgal.co.uk/schools/whickham-school/whickham-school-pop-up-shop-18th-of-june/> or by scanning the QR code below:

Michael Sehgal's customer support team will be in school on Saturday 18th June to help. Sizing guides can be found <https://www.michaelsehgal.co.uk/help/sizing-guides/> or you can go to <https://www.michaelsehgal.co.uk/help/buying-advice/> for more online buying advice.

School uniform orders can be placed at www.michaelsehgal.co.uk. Sehgal's advice is to order early, as supply shortages mean that replenishment may take longer. Only orders that are placed by 31st July can be guaranteed to be fulfilled in time for the new term. Uniform items can be delivered directly to your home address. There are free deliveries on online orders above £40, placed before 31st July.

Student starter packs

The starter pack contains an equipment pack, tie, apron (for Design and Technology lessons), a pupil planner, scientific calculator and sketchbook. The cost of the pack is £25. 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', 'On-line Shop', 'Year 7 Starter Pack'. The starter packs can be collected on Saturday 18th June in the main hall when you purchase your uniforms and PE kit.

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 pupil's needs and communicate effectively with you. Please access this link by visiting <https://forms.gle/VsTh4kWb8HzC7bZ66> to complete this information, if you have not already done so. Please ensure this is completed by 20th May. If you would prefer to complete this information in another way please contact the school office on 0191 4960026.

Modern Foreign Languages (MFL)

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 20th May. There is no need to respond if you have no particular preference regarding this matter.

Transition dates for your diary

Please find enclosed a note of important dates for your information.

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 F Turnbull

Headteacher