

(Date)

Dear (pupil name)

I am happy to inform you that you have been placed in tutor group xxxx. Your tutor is the only teacher that you will see every day, every week of every term. You will get to know them very well and they will be the main member of staff for you to speak to for help, support or to ask any questions. We do not place you into tutor groups based on friendship groups, but we take great care and consideration to ensure each tutor group has a balance of students. We are an oversubscribed school so all tutor groups are full. This means, we are unable to move students around and change tutor groups. Whickham School is a chance for you to have new beginnings. You will meet new staff and students and you will make lifelong friends here.

Enclosed in this envelope is the following:

1. **Class Charts login details** - this app is used to give you feedback, set homework and set after school support.
2. **Parent pay login details** - this is our online payment service for cashless payments for your dinner money, school trips and other items you may need to pay for whilst at Whickham School.
3. **Welcome letter** from your tutor.

Please read through our **Parental handbook** with your parents by scanning the QR code below or visit the Year 6 section on the Whickham School website. If you require a paper copy please contact Mrs Sutton on 0191 4960026 extension 207:

Mr Turnbull, your Headteacher at Whickham School, has asked you to write a letter to him so he can find out more about you. Please write this letter on an A4 lined piece of paper and **hand it in to your tutor on Tuesday 28th June**. In your letter please include the following:

- Your name and the primary school you attend
- Your interests
- Your favourite subjects
- What you are looking forward to at Whickham School
- What you would like to do when you are an adult
- What your feelings are about joining us in September
- Anything else you think might be interesting to Mr Turnbull.



Please remind your parents / carer of the following dates:

**Year 6 Whickham Experience days:** Tuesday 28th (Day 1) & Wednesday 29th June (Day 2) (8.30am-3pm).

Day 1: Attend in your primary school uniform. Please go to the main hall when you get into school.

Day 2: Attend in your new Whickham School PE kit or in sports gear (if you have not purchased the Whickham School PE kit). You will also require a water bottle.

**Year 6 Parents Evening at Whickham School:** Wednesday 29th June. Timings are as follows:

**5.30pm - 6.30pm** for the following tutor groups:

7MAD Mr M Adams

7BPA Miss B Patience

7SAL Miss S Allon

7ALA Mr A Laidler

7ECO Miss E Coutts

**7pm - 8pm** for the following tutor groups:

7ECD Miss E Copeland

7IMO Miss I Moore

7ETH Miss E Thompson

7TNJ Mr T Njovana

Only your parents / carers need to attend this event and there will be additional parking in Gibside School if our main car park is full.

As part of the transition process we have a Year 6 section on the Whickham School website where you can access further information about Whickham School.

We have an amazing pastoral team ready to offer support and guidance, please do not hesitate to get in touch through the Year 6 section of our school website if you need any urgent support.



Mr J McCaughey

Senior Pastoral Leader