

June 2024

Dear Parent / Carer

I hope your child is looking forward to joining us at Whickham School and I look forward to the opportunity to meet with families over the next few weeks.

Joining a new school can be exciting but it can also make some children worry. We understand this and to support your child, we have set up a dedicated Year 6 section on our school website so that they can find out further information about Whickham School.

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



<https://www.whickhamschool.org/year-6/welcome-year-6/>

The following information has been enclosed:

Class Charts login details - this app is used to give you feedback, set homework and set after school support.

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.

Please take note of the following important dates for you and your child:

Year 6 Experience Days

Monday 1st July 8.30am-3pm (Day 1)

Children must attend in their primary school uniform. Please ensure they bring a pen and their water bottle into school. There will be student guides on the day who will ensure they can find their way to the main hall on arrival to school. Children will then be placed into their tutor groups.

Tuesday 2nd July 8.30am-3pm (Day 2)

Children are expected to attend in their Whickham School PE kit and trainers. If they do not have the Whickham School PE kit yet, then please ensure they attend in their primary school uniform and trainers. Please ensure they bring a pen and their water bottle into school.

Lunch will be provided for children on both days.

Children are expected to make their own way to Whickham School on their transition days. If your child needs to travel to school by bus, they can use the scholars bus service, please visit the Whickham School website > Parents > [Bus information](#) for further information. The scholars' bus timetable will change from September 2024 so please check for any updates.

Year 6 Parents Evening at Whickham School

Parents evening will be held on Tuesday 2nd July with two separate time slots. Parents and carers will be allocated one of the following time slots which will be communicated separately closer to the event;
Group 1: 5.30pm - 6.30pm Group 2: 7pm - 8pm

Letter to the Headteacher

I would like to get to know your child a little better before they start with us in September. To do this, can you please ask your child to prepare a handwritten letter (where possible) on an A4 lined piece of paper and ensure they hand it in to their tutor when they visit our school for the Year 6 Experience day on **Monday 1st July**.

In their letter, please ask that they include the following:

- Their name and the primary school they attend
- Their interests
- Their favourite subjects
- What they are looking forward to at Whickham School
- What they would like to do when they are an adult
- If they are anxious or nervous about joining the school in September
- Anything else they think might be of interest to me

I am looking forward to reading the children's letters and getting to know them when they join the school in September.

Yours sincerely



Mr F Turnbull
Headteacher

