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To all Parents and Carers of pupils joining Year 7

Dear Parents and Carers

RE: INFORMATION UPDATE

With the end of term nearly upon us I am writing to update you with some information ahead of your child joining Elmwood School. Obviously the move from Primary to Secondary School is always a little daunting for both child and parent/carer but we are hopeful that with the transition arrangements we have in place these will help alleviate any anxieties.

We have therefore arranged for Monday 19th to Wednesday 21st July as Year 6 transition days when only pupils in this year group will be on our school site with all other pupils ending their time in school on 15th July and carrying out home learning for the remainder of the summer term. We have previously found that having this unique time in school to adjust to their new school surroundings and the opportunity to form relationships with their key staff, has proved beneficial in helping pupils to adjust and settle ahead of their September start. Feeder schools are aware of these transition dates and will be supporting your child over these three days. Pupils will arrive from their primary school at 9:15 am and depart at 2.20 pm. Our school cook will be on site and will be able to provide a choice of a hot meal, jacket potato or baguette for your child or if they prefer to bring their own packed lunch, then this is of course fine.

Due to training days at the start of term and to allow staff sufficient time to prepare classrooms ahead of welcoming your child, Year 7 pupils will start on Monday 13th September. From previous experience a staggered return by pupils following a long break reduces any behavioural difficulties and medical issues ensuring a calm environment for our younger students to join the community. We will inform the transport department of this date who will write to you in due course with details of the provider and a pick up time.

For information our School day is as follows:

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| Pupils arrive at school | 8.40 am |
| Pupils break time | 11:00 am to 11.10 am |
| Pupils lunch time | 12.00 pm to 12.30 pm |
| Pupils depart school | 14.25 pm |



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As you may be aware we have a strict uniform policy and students must attend School wearing the appropriate clothing. This consists of a grey polo shirt, black trousers, black shoes and the option of either a black logoed sweatshirt or fleece jacket. Our students wear their uniform with pride and are excellent ambassadors for the School. If you require any uniform items the prices are as listed below and these can be obtained via the School Office or directly from the supplier, A J Designs, www.a4jdesigns.co.uk/school-uniform-store/elmwood-school :-

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| Polo shirts | £9.00 |
| Sweatshirts | £13.00 |
| Fleece jacket | £16.00 |

A reminder that students also require a PE kit and clothes to wear for outdoor learning lessons which need to be items that they feel comfortable wearing. We have also organised for Tempest Photographers to visit School on Tuesday 21st September to capture our new pupils' photographs, sample pictures will be sent home following this visit.

Enclosed is a copy of our parental handbook which includes various forms that I would ask you to complete and return when possible. For reference copies of this document as well as other useful information are available on our School website. I have also enclosed a copy of our latest newsletter for your information, which I hope you enjoy reading.

Whilst writing I can inform you that our remaining training days and closures due to health and safety days have been organised as follows:-

TRAINING DAYS

Thursday 2nd September 2021

Friday 22nd October 2021

Friday 12th November 2021

Tuesday 4th January 2022

Friday 22nd July 2022

HEALTH AND SAFETY DAYS

Thursday 7th April 2022

Friday 8th April 2022

I look forward to working with you next year and together ensuring that your child is as successful as he/she can possibly be.

Yours sincerely

MR L CROSS
HEADTEACHER



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