



May 2021

Dear parent/ carer,

We are delighted to be able to write to you to welcome you as parents and carers of a child with a confirmed place in Whitchurch High School in September 2021.

Firstly, we look forward to welcoming your child to what will hopefully be a far more normal school year. We completely appreciate how much the uncertainty of the last year or so has impacted upon our young people and would like to reassure you that we have the support, care and guidance in place to ensure that your child settles into high school life quickly, and is able to continue their educational journey under far better circumstances.

Currently, myself and Mrs Dando, our Transition Co-ordinator, are working closely with your child's class teacher and the headteachers of your child's primary schools to ensure that they thrive during their time at Whitchurch High School. Should you have any concerns at all, please do not hesitate to discuss these, either with staff at your child's primary school or with myself, or Mrs Dando. Early and open communication is a crucial part of the transition process, and we welcome hearing from parents of current Year 6 students.

This year, more than ever, we are keen to ensure that all children who join us in September are reassured about starting secondary school, and are excited to do so. Mrs Dando has produced a video which addresses many common concerns; the video can be accessed via this link:

[https://whitchurchhighschool129-my.sharepoint.com/:v/g/personal/rookea\\_whitchurch\\_cardiff\\_sch\\_uk/EbYZpbZezOZKqWfWAveac0oBFCJhJKQveo7zZGifhkrYcA?e=kpwmqG](https://whitchurchhighschool129-my.sharepoint.com/:v/g/personal/rookea_whitchurch_cardiff_sch_uk/EbYZpbZezOZKqWfWAveac0oBFCJhJKQveo7zZGifhkrYcA?e=kpwmqG)

I am delighted to inform you that we are now in a position to confirm that a Transition Visit will run for your child during the summer term. Due to Covid-19 restrictions, we will be unable to run these during the school day, however, your child can visit Whitchurch High School at 4pm on the date specified below, with the rest of their primary school's Year 6 cohort, in order to look around the school, and to meet some key members of staff.

Parents are responsible for dropping off and collecting their child for this visit, however, parents must not enter the school site, either by car or on foot. Students must meet staff on the car park by the Powerleague facility. Students should bring



facemasks and ensure that they follow instructions from school staff at all times. The date that your child's primary school is scheduled to visit is:

**Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> July at 4pm.**

Please ensure that your child arrives promptly as any late arrivals will be excluded from touring the school due to Covid-19 restrictions. Should you have any queries regarding this visit, please contact your child's teacher in the first instance.

I am also able to confirm that in the latter part of the summer term, your child will be participating in a joint learning project, where their teachers will be delivering some lessons which have been jointly planned with Whitchurch High School staff in order to get students enthused about this new phase of their learning.

Over the coming weeks, please do not hesitate to contact us in school with any queries or concerns. I am currently on maternity leave and due to return at the start of July, however, I am contactable before then via email on:

[sharpe@whitchurch.cardiff.sch.uk](mailto:sharpe@whitchurch.cardiff.sch.uk). Mrs Dando is contactable via [dandoa@whitchurch.cardiff.sch.uk](mailto:dandoa@whitchurch.cardiff.sch.uk).

We look forward to working with you and your child.

Yours faithfully,

Ms L Sharpe  
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Whitchurch High School