



22 June 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

### **RE: Arrangements for transfer to Chipping Norton School – September 2020**

It has been a delight to visit some of the Primary Schools and introduce myself to the Year 6 pupils who are, understandably, excited and nervous about starting secondary school. I have been very impressed by the sensible questions that I have been asked and I hope that I have been able to address some of their worries or concerns.

We expect to return to normal in September and are planning the new term on this basis while ensuring that we have a contingency plan in place to ensure the safety of all our students, staff and the wider community.

### **Buses**

The school buses are expected to be running as normal, albeit with reduced numbers of students at the moment whilst social distancing remains in place. If you need transport to us in September then you will need to book a seat on the school bus for your child(ren) by contacting Oxfordshire County Council in the normal way. The website for School Transport is:

<https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/residents/schools/travelling-school>

### **Canteen**

We expect the School Canteen to be open in September providing a wide range of delicious snacks as well as the meal of the day. You can use Parent Pay ([www.parentpay.com](http://www.parentpay.com)) to preload lunch cards. More details are available on the school website: <https://chipping-norton.oxon.sch.uk/our-school/day-to-day/parent-pay/>

In the event of the School Canteen not being available on the first day of school we will notify you and update the school website.

If your son or daughter is eligible for free school meals or would like to apply then please complete the attached form and return to school. Students who are eligible for free school meals are also entitled to subsidies on other opportunities such as school trips and the new Chromebook programme.

### **Clubs and Extra Time**

We encourage all students to join a club or register for an Extra Time activity as ideal way to meet others with similar interests and make new friends. As soon as we are able to run the club and Extra Time activities we will let you know so that you can register in the normal way.

### **Music Lessons**

If your child currently has lessons with the Oxfordshire Music Service then these can continue once they move to Chipping Norton School. Alternatively, if you are interested in your child learning an instrument then please complete the attached form and register your interest for the next year or previous years.



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### **School Health Nurse**

You will be contacted by the School Health Nurse, Beth Llewellyn, to complete a Health Form for your child(ren). This year the form is online.

If you would like to find out any more information about the services provided by the School Health Nurse then you can visit their webpage: <https://www.oxfordhealth.nhs.uk/school-health-nurses/>

### **Show My Homework**

We use a Virtual Learning Environment called Show My Homework at Chipping Norton School. This is a fantastic secure website for setting work, giving feedback and monitoring students. Students will be given a username and password in September. However, if you want to take a look at the Parents Help Page you can visit this webpage: <https://help.showmyhomework.co.uk/Parents>

### **Transition Challenge**

The English and Maths Departments at school have been working very hard to prepare for the new Year 7 students. There is a Transition project for students to complete available on the school website: <https://chipping-norton.oxon.sch.uk/new-year-7/>. I really hope that you enjoy completing the challenges and look forward to seeing the results.

### **Tutor Group**

I am in the process of allocating tutor groups for the students. If there is anyone who has not been able to submit their requests for tutor groups, up to two friends that they would like to be with, then please email me: [afaulkner@chippingnortonschool.org](mailto:afaulkner@chippingnortonschool.org)

### **Uniform**

Students will be in full uniform in September. The full uniform guidelines are available on the school website: <https://chipping-norton.oxon.sch.uk/our-school/day-to-day/uniform/>

Uniform can be ordered directly from Price and Buckland: <https://www.pbuniform-online.co.uk/chippingnorton>  
Price and Buckland are offering free delivery on all orders at the moment to help with ensuring students have the correct size uniform. If any family is concerned about the cost of purchasing the school uniform then please email me because the school may be able to issue a £50.00 voucher towards the cost.

### **Virtual Parents and Carers Evening**

There will be a Virtual Parents and Carers Evening this coming Thursday (25 June) at 7.00pm using Google Meet. An invitation to join the meeting, as well as an opportunity to ask a question or watch a recording of the meeting will be sent out in due course.

### **Website**

There is a special webpage dedicated to the Year 6 pupils on the School Website: <https://chipping-norton.oxon.sch.uk/new-year-7/>. All important information as well as some helpful videos will be posted on the webpage. Please do check the website for the latest information and updates.

If you have any further queries then please do not hesitate to contact me via email.

Yours sincerely

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