



Friday 6 September 2019

Dear Parents and Carers

Information and reminders for the start of Michaelmas term, Monday 9 September

We hope you have had a very good summer break, and we very much look forward to your son or daughter starting in their new year group, or even starting afresh at Christ's College on Monday, and to meeting their teachers who have been preparing throughout this INSET week. Conscious that students will want to make the best possible start, I write to remind and inform parents of some key matters.

1. Uniform and Appearance

Further to assemblies and presentations with students in July you will recall that we wrote to all parents on 18 July, and posted information on our website, about uniform and appearance requirements in readiness for this start of the new school year (see website under *Parents/Letters from Principal* and *Information/Uniform*). For parents, for the school and also for your children, we know how valuable it is to have the greatest possible clarity on these matters.

Aside from a small number of delays in uniform supply from our provider, Emblematic, we look forward to welcoming students with their uniforms complete and in accordance with the correct 'appearance' requirements (for instance: hair minimum of No.3; skirts to knee length; no jewellery or visible make-up; etc.).

We trust that parents will recognise that the only effective approach to ensuring correct appearance and the wearing of correct uniform is to do so consistently and resolutely, which also ensures fairness. We also appreciate that, in a very small number of cases and despite their best efforts of parents, there have been some difficulties in obtaining fully correct uniform from our supplier, and also difficulties over communications with the supplier. We fully sympathise with this and where appropriate (temporarily next week) will take into account such individual student's circumstances where it has not been possible to obtain a correct item of uniform.

For parents awaiting orders, we understand that Emblematic have sent emails today with an update and to explain about courier deliveries over the weekend. They have also provided a direct mobile number (07502 105 914) on which individual enquiries may be made during business hours.

2. Monday 9 September, Tutor Groups, school day, etc.

Please note the following arrangements for Monday:

- Arrival time: should be as normal at 8:20am (for line-up and entry at 8:25am), except Reception classes
- Entry and exit gates continue according to our long-established pattern:

Reception – Year 2	Middle gate (next to the Dining Hall)
Year 3 – Year 6	Sports Hall (right-hand side) gate
Year 7 – Year 11	Stable (left-hand side) gate

- Primary years children will be met by their Form Tutors
- Reception classes, for Monday 9 September only, should arrive at 9am, entering as usual via the Middle gate.

- e) Children in Years 8 – 11 should make their way directly to Tutor Rooms, as shown at the end of this letter.
- f) Year 7 students should go immediately to the Sports Hall, where allocation to their new Tutor Groups and Tutor Rooms will be confirmed (to either 7 Hodgson, 7 Lancaster or 7 Forrest).
- g) School day: ends at 3:20pm for Reception classes; 3:30pm for all others (Years 1–11).
- h) Vehicle drivers are reminded that no movement is permitted on site between 3:00-3:45pm without exceptional prior agreement; the main gates are therefore closed between these times.

Term dates 2019/20 – *Friday 8 May 2020* (exceptionally relocated Bank Holiday)

Term dates for 2019/20 are posted on our website (Information/Term & Holiday dates), however please note that the early May Bank Holiday has been relocated on the UK calendar from Monday 4 May to *Friday 8 May*. This is to mark the 75th anniversary of ‘Victory in Europe’ (VE) day.

Site and buildings matters

Our contractors, under the oversight of the ESF Facilities team have been working furiously over the summer break to complete an extremely demanding programme of building works. Although this will also mean them working hard through this weekend to commission five new classrooms, we are delighted with the progress made in delivering three new Science rooms along with further specialist classrooms for Engineering, and Food & Cookery. Further, you will certainly notice the safety works that continue to progress with the driveway wall. This has required lowering and strengthening to remove an identified risk, with permanent security fencing due to be added.

We have been extremely fortunate to secure this significant investment which – along with extensive development being planned for summer 2020 in the main (Grindon) Hall building – helps to secure a superb education for your children at Christ’ College, Sunderland.

Wishing all parents and your children a wonderful start to the new term,

Yours sincerely



Mrs J Roberts
Principal

Addendum: Tutor Groups and Tutor Rooms, Years 8 to 11 (from 8:20am, Monday 9 September)

Tutor Group	Room
8Stayman	SB26
8Wood	M18
8Gray (formerly 7 McNally)	M14
9Robinson/Buchanan	M13
9Parker	SB25
10Leadley/Maughan	SB27
10Morrell/Daniels (formerly 9 Hubbard)	M16
11Westgate	SB24
11Carrahar	M6

Year 7 students should proceed to the Sports Hall on arrival on Monday 9 September.