



June 2020

## Year 6 Pastoral update June 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope that you are safe and well and looking forward to working with us in September. As the head of Year 7, I would like to welcome you and your son/daughter to King Charles I School. My name is Mr Males and I am really looking forward to meeting you and your son/daughter as soon as possible. I hope you have found the regular updates and communication informative and helpful. I will be sending a weekly letter for the remainder of the summer term, with any updates or important information that you need before starting King Charles I School.

We appreciate that moving to secondary school can be an exciting and apprehensive time but please rest assured that we will support your son/daughter through the transition process. I hope that you have been able to watch the tours of the school and my updates on the ways students can access support as a new student at King Charles I School. All of these are available on the website which can be accessed [here](#).

You should now have received your son's/daughter's tutor group allocation. The tutor group is linked to one of our three houses: Blounts, Chads and Queens. Each house has a significance in our schools' history. Blounts is named after Sir Thomas Blount, who founded King Charles I School in 1636. Chads was originally a house at Kidderminster High School for Girls in 1912, before merging with King Charles I School. Queens was named after Queen Elizabeth I and was originally a house at Queen Elizabeth I Grammar School at Hartlebury. The school merged with King Charles I School in 1977. The school tie has a different coloured stripe related to the house. Blounts has a yellow stripe, Chads has a blue stripe and Queens has a green stripe.

We are aware that both you and your son/daughter may have lots of questions. Please do not hesitate to contact us by emailing [year6enquiry@kingcharles1.worcs.sch.uk](mailto:year6enquiry@kingcharles1.worcs.sch.uk) and we will respond as soon as possible. In addition to this, we have been begun further Q&A sessions with our primary schools and from Monday 29<sup>th</sup> June, staff will be making parental calls to welcome you to King Charles I School and answer further questions you may have.

Below you will find a few of the most common questions we are asked:

### **What do I need to bring on my first day?**

Students need to arrive at school on time in full school uniform, which include regulation school shoes. Please read the uniform guidance carefully as plain black school shoes are compulsory. They will need an appropriate school bag. All other items including stationery will be provided for them on the first day of term, so there is no need to spend unnecessary money on expensive stationery.

### **Can my son/daughter have a stripe on their PE shorts/tracksuit bottoms?**

Our PE kit requirements are navy blue. They can have a stripe as long as they are predominately plain navy. Tracksuit bottoms with large logos are not permitted.

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### **Do I have to buy PE socks and shorts from the school shop?**

No, there is no requirement to do this as long as they are navy and follow the guidance above.

### **How will the school communicate with parents/carers in September?**

ParentMail, text messaging service, twitter, homework planner, telephone and the school website are all methods of communication that we use. It is essential we have up to date contact details for you. If these have changed or if you have not yet returned the 'information for schools' reply please do so by sending it to [office@kingcharles1.worcs.sch.uk](mailto:office@kingcharles1.worcs.sch.uk) or posting to Julie Hardy, Information for school, King Charles I School, Hillgrove House, Comberton Road, DY10 1XA. This is to ensure that we have accurate personal data records for all of our students. It is a legal requirement for us to hold at least two contacts for each student.

Please visit our frequently asked questions section on the website to see if any other questions you may have can be answered. You can view them by clicking [here](#).

Due to the easing of lockdown restrictions I would like to bring your attention to our policy on jewellery in physical education lessons. Please avoid getting ears pierced at any point in the school term as it is compulsory to remove all jewellery including single plain studs and taping it up is not permitted. We may find that these businesses begin to open in the changes made to lockdown restrictions. However, if the time required for the healing process is not possible before the return to school students should not have this done. No student wants to be put in an unnecessary situation which can be avoided. We will follow the school behaviour policy for any student who fails to follow these rules.

### **Parents/Carers information pack and the home school agreement**

The Parents/Carers information pack is available on our website and must be read carefully before completing the home school agreement and permissions form. The Parent/Carer information pack includes vital information regarding some of our key policies on attendance, behaviour, uniform, school closures, supporting students with medical conditions, IT acceptable use for parents and students and our position on the use of social media. It is important that this is read and understood so you are fully aware of the policies that we implement, so nothing comes as a surprise when your son/daughter starts in Year 7.

If you would like to request a hardcopy of the Parents/Carers information please email: [office@kingcharles1school.sch.uk](mailto:office@kingcharles1school.sch.uk), please consider carefully if a hardcopy is required in order to help reduce the amount of paper being used.

The electronic version of the Home School Agreement should have been returned by Friday 19<sup>th</sup> June, if you have not yet done so, you can access the form by clicking on the following link [Home School Agreement](#) or by visiting the 'Year 7 September entry' section on our website.

### **Uniform Update**

I have spoken to the School Shop and they have made the necessary adaptations to their shop ready for you to visit from Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> July. They have confirmed the following:

- One parent/carer with their son/daughter can visit the shop, which must be before Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> August, to select the uniform required. The shop will have restrictions on how many customers can be in the shop at once, so please ensure it is only 2 people from the same household.
- The school shop will require you to complete and bring the uniform letter, which can be accessed [here](#), in order to process your order.
- The school shop will extend the length of time you can exchange an item, in the event of it being too small when students return to school in September (so please keep all labels and receipts).

### **How can I seek further information?**

We will continue to communicate via ParentMail, text messaging service, Twitter @KC1school and ensure essential information on the website. If you wish to get in contact with us, please use the Year 6 enquiry email

[year6enquiry@kingcharles1.worcs.sch.uk](mailto:year6enquiry@kingcharles1.worcs.sch.uk) or alternatively you can use [office@kingcharles1.worcs.sch.uk](mailto:office@kingcharles1.worcs.sch.uk) and someone will respond. Please visit our website at [www.kingcharles1school.sch.uk](http://www.kingcharles1school.sch.uk). As this is an excellent source of information and often answers many questions.

We hope that our continued correspondence will provide valuable support and information.

Yours sincerely,

Jon Males  
Head of Year 7