



Dear Parent/Carer

June 2017

Transition Monday 3rd July – Wednesday 12th July

I am delighted to be welcoming your child to our transition from **Monday 3rd July to Wednesday 12th July**. There is a **Parents Evening on Wednesday 12th July at 6pm**, where you will have the opportunity to meet your child's form tutor and receive information about school life. This is followed by a presentation by your children about their work during transition.

There are often lots of questions for parents, carers and children at the start of secondary school, and transition aims to give you and your child the opportunity to feel confident about September. During the tutor session on Wednesday 12th July parents and carers will be given a handbook of key information. Tutors, House Leaders and Senior Staff will all be available to answer any questions you may have.

Transition is designed to give children an experience of our school and an opportunity to meet the teachers who will be teaching them in September. They will be meeting all of the students who are coming to Chepstow School in September and learning some of the skills they will need in Year 7.

Using the 950 Chepstow Community celebrations our theme this year will incorporate art, literature and STEM activities associated with the occasion. This will ensure that we are participating in a widespread whole community project as well as continuing to develop our school vision based on respect, challenge and encouraging inclusivity. The golden thread that will weave through this year's theme is David Bowie, a music icon that embodies our school vision perfectly. Our Year 6 students will celebrate the changes from primary through to secondary by celebrating the changes that have shaped our world historically and artistically.

Students will be expected to arrive at school at 8.45 am each day. They will be met at Reception by the House Leaders and the Senior Leadership Team. On the first day students will find out which House they are in and meet their new form tutor.

Lunch Arrangements

Children who would like to purchase a meal from the canteen should bring money with them, £2 is usually sufficient for a hot meal and dessert. Students can also bring their own packed lunch to eat. If your child is entitled to free school meals they will be able to receive their meal during this week as usual. **All** students will be given a free meal on the Monday 3rd July courtesy of our catering company.

Collecting your child at the end of the school day

The school day ends at 3.15pm and you are asked to make arrangements to collect your child. If you would like your child to use a Monmouthshire passenger transport bus please contact Nicola Dutton on 01291 635760. Please note places are limited and allocated on a first come first serve basis. If you are coming by car to collect your child please can you park in the leisure centre car park as school buses arrive from 3pm. If you



would like your child to remain indoors until you arrive, please arrange to collect them from the Arts Hall which is accessed via reception. A copy of the fortnight's plan is enclosed.

School uniform

The school uniform policy is attached. Please note on **Tuesday 4th July** your child will be fitted for the compulsory items (blazer, PE top and a rugby shirt) by our uniform suppliers. Blazers, PE top and rugby top are only available for purchase through Initially Yours. Your child will bring home information about how to order uniform and recommended sizing. Ordering will be done on-line and the cut-off date for ordering to ensure delivery by the start of term is **Monday July 31st**. The ordered items will be delivered direct to the School, unless you opt to pay the postage for direct delivery. Orders will be available for collection at Chepstow School on Friday 25th August and Friday 1st September between 9am and 2pm. You are only required to buy the blazer, PE top and rugby shirt from our uniform supplier, all other items of school uniform can be purchased from a supplier of your choice. All students must wear shoes. Trainers or trainer type shoes are not permitted. Ties will be available to purchase at school or through our uniform supplier. The full list of school uniform is attached and can also be found on our website <http://www.chepstowschool.net/parents/uniform>.

Alternatively you can visit the shop at

Initially Yours
Hambrook Branch
Old Gloucester Road
Hambrook
Bristol
BS16 1RP
Tel: 0117 9560909 Email: enquiries@initiallyyours.co.uk

This time at our school promises to be a really positive experience and is the start of our 7 year partnership with your child and you. School starts on Tuesday 5th September at 8:45am. I am looking forward to welcoming you to our school community and working with you to ensure that your child achieves the very best they can in all aspects of school life.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Best wishes

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Uniform Policy

Correct school uniform helps to nurture a sense of pride and belonging within the school community; In addition, students in our school uniform represent the school in and around Chepstow.

Do Wear	Don't Wear
A black blazer with the school badge on the top pocket - compulsory	
Black tailored trousers worn to the waist	Hipsters, jean-style, frayed, clingy, lycra, decorated or casual trousers or leggings.
A black skirt, not shorter than 8cms above knee	Skirts made of stretch material that are too short or too tight.
Plain black shoes, leather or leather look, low sensible heels	Trainers or sports style shoes Slipper-style shoes that may slip on and off High heels Boots No logos
Light blue shirts worn smartly, i.e. tucked in and buttoned to the neck	
School tie in house colours - compulsory	
Plain black acrylic or wool V necked jumpers – optional	These jumpers should have no logos or markings, cannot be cotton or sweat shirt material.

I have agreed to allow **plain black acrylic or wool V necked jumpers** to be an **optional** item of our uniform during cold weather. Jumpers can be worn under blazers, but cannot be worn in place of blazers. Students who wear jumpers that do not conform to this will be asked to remove them. Students may, if they wish wear light coloured vests or light coloured T Shirts under their shirts.

There is information about uniform on our website www.chepstowschool.net/uniform including photos of appropriate items of uniform.

PE kit comprises:
 PE T-Shirt (available from Initially Yours)
 Black shorts/skort, skirt or shorts
 School rugby shirt
 Optional hoody
 Black hockey socks, white ankle socks red football/rugby socks
 Training shoes
 Appropriate swimwear



Jewellery

A single stud in each ear is allowed for boys and girls. All other visible Jewellery is not allowed.

Make up

Appropriate make up may be worn; this should be suitable for a work environment.

Excessive make up will be removed at the request of staff.

False nails are not permitted.

Hair

Hairstyles should be appropriate for school and should not be of an extreme style.

Neutral hair colours only, brightly coloured hair is not permitted.