



August 2019

Dear Family

In September your child will be joining us at Honywood and as their Cohort Leader I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself at the start of this significant and exciting stage of your child's life. I am looking forward to leading the Cohort in September and I hope that your child is looking forward to the start of the new term. I view the opportunity to be a part of the journey they are starting upon to be a great privilege and I look forward to supporting them throughout their time at Honywood. I know that in working together we will see this cohort mature into fantastic, well-rounded young adults who, by the time they leave us in 2024, will have developed the attributes to make the most of the many opportunities that will be available to them.

Communication between yourself and the school will be at the core of the relationship that we build. In the first instance many enquiries about your child can most appropriately and efficiently be answered by their Learning Group Leader. You can, of course, always contact me either by phone on 01376 561231 or email at amartin@honywoodschool.com

Good attendance is essential to effective learning and as such, our expectation is that all learners should aim for 100% attendance. The policy for this is included in the Parent/Carer Handbook.

Can I please also draw your attention to the attached letters, which were sent to all families at the end of the Summer term about our Dress Code and Respect Code, particularly our policy on the use of mobile phones.

The data we hold on your child, which you provided on the Admission Form, will be available for you to view from 4th September on the SIMS Parent App (information included with this letter). An invitation and activation link will be sent to you at the start of the Autumn term. Please check that the information we hold is correct and change any if necessary.

On **Friday 6th September** the school photographer will be in school to take individual photographs of all children, unless you have expressed a wish for your child not to have their photo taken.

I would also like to mention our sponsored walk to Marks Hall which will take place on **Wednesday 18th September**. This is a superb opportunity to generate funds that will be passed to our Learner Leadership Team so that they can bring to life their plans for improving our school. I'd like to encourage every child to try their hardest to raise sponsorship. A sponsorship form will be passed to your child in September.

On **Tuesday 24th September** we would like to take the Cohort to Danbury Outdoors for a day of outdoor activities. The opportunities and challenges your child will experience we hope will support them in building relationships with the other learners in their learning group. A letter giving more information was included in the initial information pack and the reply slip will need to be returned by **Friday 6th September**.

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Also included in this pack is a letter explaining Parentpay, an alternative way for paying for school trips, school meals and tuition. The letter includes a username and password which will enable you to set up and activate an account. We operate a Cashless Catering system at Honywood (FAQ and Daily Spend limit information included) and Parentpay allows you to load money onto your child's lunch card, which will be issued to them at the beginning of term.

On your child's first day, **Wednesday 4th September**, Cohort 7 will start at **8.45am**. You will need to arrange transport for your child to come into school. The buses are scheduled to bring the other cohorts into school a little later on the first day, in order to give our new Cohort 7 a chance to get used to the school. When they arrive, they will firstly meet in the Main Hall, Cohort 7 Ambassadors will then take them to their learning group room and will be with them to support throughout the day.

All letters and information included with this letter are available on the school website by going to the Parent Portal and going to the attached link:

<https://parent.honywoodschool.com/information/letters-home/children-joining-year-7-in-september-2019/>

Finally, I hope that you have a restful summer and look forward to working with your child in September.

Yours sincerely



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Cohort Leader 7

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Pupil Premium information
1:1 music lesson information
Cashless Catering information
Parent/Carer handbook
ParentPay activation letter
SIMS Parent App information
Dress Code letter
Respect Code letter