

The letter below was sent home to all Year 7 parents and carers in the post during week commencing 5th July 2021

July 2021

Dear Parent/Carer

Please see enclosed a Postcard for your child which informs them of their Form Group and House at Laurus Cheadle Hulme. It is really important for you to promote enthusiasm for making new friends at High School and to combat any fears they may initially feel if their current 'best friend' is not in the same form. Resilience is one of our key qualities at LCH and we need your child to demonstrate this from the start. Experience tells us that Year 7 students make new friends very quickly which is inevitable given the larger numbers of students at High School.

Please be aware that the timings of the Year 7 Induction Day on Monday September 6th have changed slightly to 9.30am to 12.30pm. From Tuesday September 7th all students must arrive in school before 8.20am.

Can you please read through and adhere to the following bullet points to ensure a smooth start for your child at Laurus Cheadle Hulme?

- Please encourage your child to walk or cycle to school. If they are cycling can you please ensure that they wear a helmet and bring a D Lock to secure their bike. If your child is planning to travel on the school bus please ensure that you have applied for an 'igo' card. You can find the school bus timetables on our website.
- From September, only parents who have a disability blue badge will be allowed to park on site from approximately 2.30pm until 3.30pm each day. No other cars will be allowed to park on site and the car park will be secured with a barrier during this time each day. If you live at a significant distance from the school or hold a blue badge you will already have applied for a parking permit.
- Please make sure that your child brings all their own equipment to school.
- Electives will not be operating in the first two weeks whilst students make their choices and we organise venues and staffing.
- Please provide your child with a full water bottle. Water fountains will be available in school for top ups throughout the day.
- As you are hopefully aware we have very high expectations for school uniform. Students will be expected to adhere to these standards and to take pride in their appearance, this includes the journey to and from school. Please ensure that students have the correct uniform, including shoes, which are in line with our policy. For further support and queries, parents and carers should check our policy and uniform page on the school website.

- Please also ensure that your child starts school with a suitable haircut in line with school policy, no jewellery is allowed to be worn and students should not have fresh ear piercings.

Also enclosed is a ParentPay activation letter. Please visit our website where you can find details about the items you will need to purchase before September. We are a cashless school so you will need to follow the directions on the activation letter and add funds to your child's lunch account to ensure they are able to purchase snacks and lunch at school, if required.

I have deliberately not referred to covid in this letter as we expect changes to be announced later this month. If any of the changes impact on the information provided here we will be in touch.

I hope all families have a good break and stay safe. Please do not hesitate to get back to us at school should you have any questions regarding this information.

Stay safe and kind regards,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "G. Theobald".

Mrs G Theobald
Head of School