# The Warriner School

Responsible - Respectful - Ready

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Dear Parents, Carers and Guardian,

I hope you have all had a brilliant summer. We have all been excited to welcome students in what is always a busy but exciting first week. As a staffing body we are looking forward to teaching new classes and giving them the best opportunity to succeed. At the heart of this is building positive relationships with both students and their families so all feel included and part of the Warriner community.

#### **Students**

When staff arrived back in school last Friday for the start of our two Inset days, preparing to welcome the children back into school, those days were useful but...too quiet! So, on Tuesday it was great to welcome our new Year 7s and new Year 12s and they did not let us down; an excellent and seamless start to the academic year, demonstrating our Responsible, Respectful and Ready culture. Head of Year 7, Mr Fitton and his tutor team are very pleased with the way Year 7 students are settling in, and that is a credit to you too. Our Head of Sixth Form, Mr Smith, also echoed these sentiments and we look forward to seeing how our latest Sixth Formers embrace their A Level studies.

Indeed, from a teaching and learning perspective, dropping into lessons has demonstrated already lots of lovely learning taking place, from planning the design of photograph frames in Design and Technology, to exploring the origins of World War I in English. We are delighted to see such a positive start to the year from all our students.

### Uniform/Dress code

At the start of any new academic year, uniform plays an important part for both home and school. Please follow the link here: <u>The Warriner School - Uniform</u> if you have any queries about what is or isn't acceptable for our school uniform. This includes our Sixth Form dress code.

I also want to clarify that during this spell of hot weather we have been making reasonable adjustments to help the students feel less hot, including the removal of blazers and jumpers, loosening of ties and, of course, the chance to wear our newly introduced tailored shorts. It was important to us to start the school year, especially with our new Year 7s, with our high expectations of our school standards. However, looking at the weather forecast for next week, it appears that temperatures are returning to normal.









Lastly, I would like to highlight our 'new to you' uniform that is available: All items are 50p or £1, with blazers at £5 and we accept cash or cheques.

We have a particular abundance of boys' shirts and trousers - all good brands - so do please think of purchasing these from us rather than from high street stores. Whilst we introduced a new logo in 2019, we are still happy for students to wear items with the old logo if there is life in the clothes!

Come and grab a bargain!

#### Covid

Sadly, we do still need to be aware of Covid and its impact. We will continue with our Covid guidance from last year, so if your child tests positive for Covid, please follow these guidelines:

- Day 0 test positive
- Day 1 3 stay away from school
- Day 4 return IF well enough and without a persistent cough

There is some concern that Covid cases may rise during autumn and winter, so we all need to try and protect each other and make sensible decisions around this virus.

#### **Staffing**

As you will be aware from my last letter, we said goodbye to our PA, Trish Morgan, at the end of last term, with whom many of you would have had home-school communication with over the years. We now welcome Mr Scott Burton as our new PA, and we are very pleased that he has joined our very busy admin team. Indeed, thanks to Scott, we will be giving a greater insight into some of the fantastic things we are doing here at The Warriner so please make sure you keep an eye out for all of the posts across our social media platforms.

## **Parking**

Kind I remind all adults who are involved in driving students to and from school that the only place to do pick up and drop off is the rear carpark (behind reception) and that cars are not allowed to drive through the front of the school. Apart from staff, buses and taxis, this road is not accessible to parents. Indeed, our gates are locked during the school day, for clear safeguarding reasons, so please abide by these site health and safety rules. Unfortunately, we have already had a few drivers display very poor manners towards some of our staff and this is not acceptable.

#### Cycling to school

It is great seeing so many of our students biking to school – great for their fitness and great for the environment. Please can I remind you that we want all students wearing a helmet to and from school. New Year 7 students will have had this information in their starter packs and if you have any questions about this, please contact us. Older students will also be reminded in tutor time.

Have a great weekend and I hope the sun continues to shine.

Best wishes

Sharon Nicholls Head of School