

Start of Year Arrangements for Pupils and Parents (Middle School)

Sunday 6th September 2020

Facemasks: In light of restriction remaining in place in England, please could all parents wear facemasks when in the school buildings. Pupils may also wear face masks if they so wish, but they should not be extreme in style or offensive.

Overseas parents, and those travelling a long distance, who wish to speak at length with their son or daughter's Housemaster / Housemistress are requested to make an appointment by telephone or e-mail.

Parents and pupils NEW TO ELLESMERE are invited to arrive at the College between 2.00pm and 3.00pm. (The College will be open from 10.00am, but staff will not be available unless an appointment has been booked.) Pupils should wear their College tracksuit.

Parents and pupils already at Ellesmere but moving from Lower School to Middle School are invited to arrive at College between 2.00pm and 2.45pm. (Whilst it is optional for such pupils and parents to attend on the Sunday it is encouraged as an opportunity to meet with the new pastoral team including the new tutor.) Pupils should wear their College tracksuit.

The programme for the day is as follows:

10.00am	Reception open.
10.00am – 4.00pm	The Uniform Shop will be open for uniform collection or purchase.
10.00pm – 3.00pm	Tea/Coffee will be available in the Dining Hall.
2.00pm	Boarding House staff will be available on House premises to greet parents and pupils new to Ellesmere. (Earlier by prior arrangement only). Chaplain and Sister available for parents.
2.00pm	Current Ellesmere pupils moving sections begin to arrive on House premises.
2.25pm	Tea /Coffee will be available in Houses: St Aidan's, St Cuthbert's and St Patrick's.
2.40pm	Tutors will speak to their tutees and parents in a formal context in Classrooms.
3.10pm	Pupils and Parents NEW TO MIDDLE SCHOOL meet with the Head of Middle School via TEAMS in Tutor Classrooms.
3.30pm	The Headmaster will speak to ALL NEW PARENTS (and current parents who wish to attend) via TEAMS in Tutor Classrooms.
4.00pm	Day pupils and parents depart, boarding pupils and parents say their goodbyes.
4.15pm	Boarders under House arrangements.

Please note: These start of term procedures are subject to change, given the current situation, and we will inform you of any updates.