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Ref: L-NewIntakeParentsEvening(FT)/LPe/JSt

To the Parent/Carer of «Surname» «Forename» «Address\_1» «Address\_2» BIRMINGHAM «Post\_Code»

Dear Parent/Carer

## **NEW INTAKE – Information for parents/carers**

At this time of year, we would normally be looking forward to inviting you and your child/ren in to school to begin to get used to the surroundings and staff at Washwood Heath Academy. As I'm sure you understand, we have to do things a little differently this year, but we are no less excited to meet you!

Unfortunately, we will not be able to hold a Parents' Evening for our new intake students this year, nor will there be a transition day as normally happens in July. We will instead try to give as good a sense of the school as possible by sending out activity packs and information, and by posting a virtual tour and pictures on our website so that your children can begin to become familiar with the school site. We will also organise careful introductory transition activities for our new intake when we are able to welcome you in to school – at the moment, this looks like September 2020.

Although we will not see your child/ren in school in July, we do still need to collect some key information from you to enable us to transition your child/ren smoothly in to Year 7 at Washwood Heath in September.

Here at Washwood Heath Academy, students belong to one of five houses from Year 7 to Year 10: Benson, Chamberlain, Harewood, Tolkien and Zephaniah. Each house has 11 form groups led by a Head of House and Guidance Manager.

\* In September, «Forename» will be in: «Form» - «Form\_Tutor»

Please find enclosed with this letter the following documentation. This is to be completed and returned to us USING THE STAMPED ADDRESSED ENVELOPE PROVIDED. Please do not attempt to bring this to school in person.

- New Intake Admission Form
- Ethnic Monitoring Form
- Anti-Bullying Contract
- Sporting Fixtures Consent Form
- Biometric Consent Letter

- Photo/Video Consent form
- Language Preference Form
- Barriers to Learning Form

We will require some further identification documentation for your child but we are aiming to collect this in September when your children first come in to school.

<u>UNIFORM</u> – our aim is for all students to attend in their new Washwood Heath Academy GREY uniform which is available from Mansuri. We have included a money off voucher in this pack which you can use at the Mansuri store when buying the uniform. Mansuri have assured us that they are operating safe social distancing practices, including a click and collect service, and they have the required stock of uniform ready for the new Year 7 cohort. We hope that you are able to source the new uniform as it is a big part of coming to a new school.

We will continue to keep you updated via our website about further arrangements for transition to Washwood Heath Academy in September – please keep checking regularly for updated information and guidance.

I look forward to meeting you and working in partnership with you and your child in years to come.

Yours sincerely







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Mrs L Petrie Head of Academy

\*Form Tutors are subject to change











