



6<sup>th</sup> July 2018

Dear Parents/Carers

I am writing to you to give you some information about school uniform availability, school meal prices, the position with regard to the Headship of the school and the start of next term.

We have noticed over recent times that our **school uniform** knitwear, particularly the V-neck long sleeved jumper, has tended to wear away quite quickly, especially at the elbows. When we first brought this uniform in, in 2011, we were using a well-known school uniform manufacturer, Price & Buckland, to produce the uniform for us. I am pleased to be able to let you know that Mayfair, the stockist who handles all of our uniform sales now, will be selling the Price & Buckland versions from 17<sup>th</sup> August, at the same price as is currently charged. My strong advice to you in purchasing new uniform knitwear items is to wait until 17<sup>th</sup> August and check that you are buying the Price & Buckland version.

We have kept our **school meal prices** the same at Kingsbury High for the past 10 years. I have been very keen to keep the price the same, knowing how difficult times are financially for many families. However, this has meant selling our school meals at a considerable loss and budget pressures now mean that we must over a period of time increase the price quite considerably. There will, therefore, be 7% increases in the cost of a main school meal for each of the next three years, after which prices will go up in line with the retail price index. This means that next school year a main meal will go up to **£2.10**. I recognise that the additional 75p per week for each child in the family is quite an increase but I hope I have your understanding, particularly as you will see from the 10 years of zero increase how important it has been to me to keep prices as low as possible. Prices of individually bought items will also rise. The best value will remain in the purchase of the school main meal.

I am pleased to be able to let you know the arrangements for the **Headship of the School for 2018-19**. I will be working as Headteacher on a part-time basis, three days per week, and there will be two posts designated "Head of School", one for the Kingsbury site and one for the Tylers Croft site. Our Deputy Headteachers,

Mr McLean (Tylers Croft) and Miss Regan (Kingsbury) will become the two Heads of School and will have full authority to act on my behalf. Any matter on which you might request a meeting with the Headteacher will, from next term, be with either Mr McLean (T) or Miss Regan (K) according to the year group your son or daughter is in.

Finally, the **arrangements for the start of term** in September.

School will begin for students as follows:

Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> September:           8.30 am - Year 7 start  
  11.30 am – Years 8-11 & Year 13 start

Monday 10<sup>th</sup> September               8.40 am – Year 12 start

Year 12 enrolment begins Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> September. Enrolment letters with interview times will be sent before Summer break for those with offers.

I hope that your children enjoy their 6 week summer break as much as I hope that our staff will enjoy their 5½ weeks! Don't forget to let us know if you would like us to look after your son or daughter on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> or Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> July.

And, with that, all the very best for the summer.

Yours sincerely



Jeremy Waxman  
Headteacher