



September 2023

Dear Parent/carers

Can I take this opportunity to welcome you and your child to the new academic year. We are looking forward to working in partnership with you to help your child achieve their full potential.

One of our fundamental aims is to develop responsible students who possess the qualities and skills which equip them for their next steps, be that further study or employment. Learning for life; developing ambitious capable individuals ready to play a full part in life and work as valued members of society.

We celebrate personal successes at every opportunity and take great pride in the achievements of our current students and alumni. We look forward to celebrating the achievements of all of our students moving forward.

The following information will provide you with details on how you can keep up to date with whole school developments and the progress of your child during their time with us.

School Website: <https://www.whitchurchhs.wales/>

We have recently reviewed and updated the homepage of our website to provide regular updates for parents/carers along with the opportunity to view upcoming events. The news feed will be updated regularly providing an overview of success stories and school events. The live calendar function can be used to view upcoming events such as open evenings, progress evenings and INSET days, providing the opportunity to plan ahead. The key information noticeboard will provide links to the latest whole school or year group communications. Prior communications can be found by clicking on the link provided and will be included in date order.

SIMS Parent App:

As you will be aware, the SIMS parent app provides information relating to your child's timetable, attendance and punctuality. It will keep you updated on both positive behaviour points that your child is awarded together with sanctions for behaviour that does not meet our expectations. We have updated the sanctions and rewards section of the app this year to provide you with more information. Interim reports and full written annual reports can be accessed via the app alongside communications that may be sent out by the school. You are also able to update any personal information such as change of address, phone number, email etc. If you need any support with the SIMS parent app please contact the school at ParentApp@whitchurch.cardiff.sch.uk.

School Contact:

Separate communications for individual parents/carers or targeted groups will continue to be sent out through email via our InTouch system and through the SIMS Parent App. These messages can be viewed through the email account that you have registered with the school. If you have changed your details or school email address, please either update this in the Sims parent app or contact us at whs@whitchurch.cardiff.sch.uk.

School email contacts can be found in the following location:

<https://www.whitchurchhs.wales/Parents/Documents/SchoolContacts.pdf>

If you have any questions or we can support in any way, please get in touch with us.

We are looking forward to working closely with you in the coming years.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Nick John', is placed within a light blue rectangular box.

Nick John
Headteacher