

WOODHOUSE GROVE SCHOOL

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Welcome from the Headmaster

The move to a new school is a major event for anybody and it affects every member of a family. There are new routines to learn and new friends to make. We hope that you and your child will soon feel settled and part of the Woodhouse Grove community.

The information in this booklet should prove useful as your child prepares to join us in September. We would appreciate your co-operation and support when we request a high standard of dress, work and behaviour. We are proud of our school and expect all pupils to play their part. The pupils are, after all, our best ambassadors and we hope that they will be proud to say "I go to Woodhouse Grove".

In order to help us to provide the best start for your child we need accurate background information. Please return the Personal Information Form and the Medical Form as soon as possible. The forms should be returned before your child enters the school.

From time to time you may need to contact the school concerning child's welfare. Please feel free to contact their Form Tutor about everyday matters. If the matter is more serious the Form Tutor will refer it on to the appropriate Head of Year who will contact you promptly. These members of staff are responsible for the pastoral and academic overview of all pupils and are always willing to meet parents to discuss particular problems. Changes to home life, for example, can significantly affect a pupil's work and behaviour at school and we are available to discuss such matters directly with parents if the need arises.

Woodhouse Grove was originally founded as a boarding school and the boarding element continues to influence the school. New pupils soon realise that the Grove is not <u>just</u> a school, but a way of life. We aim to encourage all pupils to participate in a wide range of co-curricular activities. These help to develop personal, sporting, technical and social skills and are an essential part of "a complete education" and being a Grovian.

The Autumn Term will begin on Wednesday, 4th September. All new pupils should arrive by 8.30am and report to the Hastings-Long Gallery in the Sports Centre (near the main reception hall) where staff and prefects will be waiting to meet them and direct them to their form rooms. Pupils may be dropped off in the car park adjacent to the Sports Centre. New boarders should arrive by 4.00pm on Tuesday, 3rd September and assemble for tea in the Dining Hall.

I look forward to getting to know your child better and to seeing them flourish here at the Grove.

With every good wish,

Yours faithfully

James Lockwood MA Headmaster

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