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Dear Parents/Carers,

Re: September 2025 - Year 7 Admissions

We are writing to welcome you and your child to the Kings' School family. We are looking forward to another smooth transition of pupils from their Primary Schools to Kings' in September 2025. We realise that the time between now and September can be an exciting and apprehensive one for pupils and parents alike, but we hope that by writing, and meeting with you in the coming months, we will be able to reassure you regarding this transition and the exciting times ahead.

The pupils will come from a wide variety of schools, having had a wide variety of experiences. This will provide a rich base for your child's education at Kings'. Rest assured; we will do all we can to ensure that the transition is as smooth as possible. Please contact your child's tutor at any time, should problems arise once they have started at Kings'.

Tutor Groups

We liaise closely with our primary schools regarding grouping pupils into tutor groups. Once we have completed these discussions with the primary schools, your child's Head of Year will draw up our tutor groups. We look to ensure that every child has at least one familiar face in their tutor group. We are not able to take requests for tutor group placements or changes to be with friends. However, if there is anything you wish us to take into consideration. please send an email to transition1@kingswinchester.hants.sch.uk and request the "Tutor Placement Request Form". Our priority is to create tutor groups which are well balanced, encouraging pupils to socialise at lunchtime and at extracurricular clubs where they can broaden their friendship network.

We would like to invite your child to spend the day with us at Kings' DATE ADVISED IN YOUR TRANSITION PACK.

On this date, please ensure that your child arrives at Reception between 8.30 and 8.45 am either with a packed lunch, or if your child would like to sample Kings' in-house cuisine there will be a free meal available for every pupil. It would be very helpful if all children could bring a notebook and something with which to write. The children should wear their primary school uniform. There will be an opportunity to look around the school, ask questions, and sample some lessons. Your child can then be collected from Reception at 3.00pm. Children making their own way home will be escorted to the Romsev Road crossing at this time.

New Parents Meeting

On **Wednesday 2nd July** there will be a Parents' Meeting in the Sports Hall at Kings' School starting at 6.00pm and lasting just over an hour. Your child is encouraged to join us as well. Your child's Tutor Group information will also be available at this event. We hope that this will be a pleasant and informative occasion. As parking is restricted at Kings' we would ask parents who live locally to walk where possible. The playground at the back of the school (via Sarum Road) will also be available for parking.

Start of Term

The new term begins for the pupils on Thursday 4th September. Pupils should arrive by 8.40am and assemble in the Main Hall. They will then be dispersed in Tutor Groups with their tutor. Pupils will have a brief tour (with guides) and will be given their timetable and a map of the school. The guides allocated to each tutor group will direct and collect pupils from lessons for the first two weeks.

For the remainder of this year, please encourage your child to concentrate on enjoying their last remaining weeks at primary school by working hard and we look forward to seeing everyone on their induction day and at the Parents' Evening on Wednesday 2nd July.

Yours faithfully,

Headteacher



