



Chew Valley School

Learn Grow Achieve

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to my first letter of the 2025/26 academic year and especially a welcome to all of the new parents and carers in either Year 7 or in our Sixth Form or indeed those whose children are starting in other years. We are looking forward to another successful year ahead. For those who are new, I look to write home every other week and also put together a short video which covers the same information.

Staff INSET

Staff have had a busy two days of INSET looking at safeguarding, teaching and learning and our pastoral support amongst other areas. All students have returned today, after Year 7 and Year 12 students being with us yesterday, and all have taken part in House or Sixth Form assemblies where we have been able to emphasise the positive opportunities that are in front of all of them. On Monday, everyone will also attend an expectation assembly in their year groups where we will again set out the year ahead.

Uniform

I wrote to existing parents and carers in July and emphasised our school uniform requirements in advance of this academic year which are laid out clearly on the website for everyone to reference. I know Year 7 parents and carers have received all of the relevant details and students were really smart when they turned up yesterday. We have spent time as part of our INSET talking to staff about this area and all students are being spoken to about this in our assemblies mentioned above. We will be talking to individual students about their uniform if they are not wearing the correct items which happens in every secondary school at this time of year.

Work with Parents and Carers

As you are aware, Chew Valley is a member of the Lighthouse Schools Partnership (LSP). As a Trust, we believe that children and young people flourish in their education when schools and families work together with mutual respect, open communication, and a shared commitment to nurturing every child's potential. We value positive, professional relationships with our families and have formalised our processes, and expectations, in our home-school partnership.

As we start this new academic year, I wanted to bring our [Home-School Partnership document](#) to your attention. The LSP home-school partnership outlines the commitments we make as a Trust of schools to you as parents and carers as well as the support and engagement we need from yourselves to ensure our shared purpose of happy and successful children can happen. At the same time, can I draw to your attention our [Data Protection Policy](#) and [Privacy Notices](#) for your information.

Linked with this, we are looking at the moment at the whole area of how we communicate with parents and carers including how you are able to contact ourselves. We are conscious that people do phone the school during a busy day when staff are teaching or dealing with our young people and are not able to respond immediately to requests and therefore we are considering some other possibilities in this area which we can communicate in coming weeks.

Allergies – A Nut-Free School

We have students within our community who do have allergies and therefore can I ask that students do not bring nuts into school please.

We have a number of opportunities for you to come in for year group information evenings over the coming weeks and we are looking forward to meeting you there.

With best wishes,

Gareth Beynon
Headteacher

Key Selected Dates

Tuesday 9th September – Year 7 Information Evening and Clubs Taster Sessions

Thursday 11th September – Year 8 Information Evening

Tuesday 16th September – Year 9 Information Evening

Wednesday 17th September – Year 12 Information Evening

Thursday 18th September – Year 10 Information Evening

Friday 26th September – INSET day

Tuesday 30th September – Year 11 Information Evening

Thursday 9th October – Year 13 Parents' Evening

Wednesday 22nd October – Careers Convention Evening