

Dear Parents and Carers of Year 7 Students,

It has been so exciting welcoming our new Year 7 students to Sponne School today! I have enjoyed walking around the lessons and seeing them engaging with their learning in such a positive way.

My name is Ms Turton and I am your child's Progress Learning Leader (PLL or Head of Year - I did the presentation in the hall at the New Intake evening). I have taught Art, Music and Photography at Sponne since 2003 and this cohort will be my third as PLL. My role is to monitor their progress and provide pastoral support. I will be attached to the year group until they finish Year 11. Over time, I will get to know every child in the year group. Where students encounter challenges that make it difficult for them to progress at school, my role is to support them, their teachers and you as parents/carers to find solutions to help them thrive here.

This transition from Primary to Secondary is a very significant time in your child's life, but it can also be a daunting time for you. New systems to learn, new routines to set and what feels like less contact from school. Please be assured that if anything happens that you need to know about - we will contact you!

Your child will primarily be supported by their form tutor, who will get to know them very well indeed. We are very lucky to have a super team of Form Tutors working with this year group. Our Assistant PLL is Mr K Scott, who takes on a number of responsibilities, and Mrs R Chapman is the Assistant Headteacher who is linked to the Year Group.

Those of you with older children are already part of the Sponne community so know the systems and the way we work. If you are new - you are very welcome! All the day-to-day information your child will need is on Go 4 Schools. It's really useful (timetables, sparks, reports, sanctions) so it's worth spending some time getting the hang of it.

This year we will be having a push on high expectations with this term's focus being mutual respect. The new Student Code of Conduct, created by students embodies all of these expectations in and around school. Students will only be able to get uniform passes from Miss Webster in Student Services and with some communication from home so if there are issues with uniform please do let us know. Miss Webster can be contacted at ewebster@sponne.org.uk.

If you are having any issues or worries about anything, please contact your child's form tutor, who will be able to help or pass on your email onto the person who can:

Form tutors:

7RW - cwilcock@sponne.org.uk

7OW - owalton@sponne.org.uk

7KAS - ksaunderson@sponne.org.uk

7AMT - atulloock@sponne.org.uk

7PG - cpotts@sponne.org.uk and ngreen@sponne.org.uk

7JRG - jgercs@sponne.org.uk

7ANS - astone@sponne.org.uk

SENDCo - yfarrell@sponne.org.uk

Admin enquiries - ewebster@sponne.org.uk

There will be a further update very soon via email. Look out for our social media sites and the website for other information you may need.

I hope your child has enjoyed their first full day at Sponne and is looking forward to the year ahead.

Kind regards,

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