

September 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been wonderful to welcome our students back to The Kingsway School and to see the first week of the new academic year completed so successfully. I would like to thank you for the support you have given your children as they have returned to school, and we are now looking forward to our first full week together.

A particularly warm welcome goes to our new Year 7 students. They have made a fantastic start to life at Kingsway. We have been incredibly impressed by the high standards of uniform, conduct and attitude to learning we have seen across the year group. They have settled into their new routines remarkably well and should be very proud of the way they have started their secondary school journey.

This week we will launch our enhanced enrichment offer, providing students with even more opportunities to develop their interests, discover new experiences and build the skills that will support them beyond the classroom. This is only the beginning. Over the coming weeks and months, departments across the school will be developing further opportunities for students to learn beyond the traditional classroom setting. We are particularly keen to provide experiences that broaden students' horizons, develop their cultural capital and allow them to discover new passions. We look forward to sharing more of these opportunities with you as they develop.

We have also made some important updates to our **Ready, Respect, Safe Policy** for the new academic year. The updated policy reflects recent Department for Education guidance and provides greater clarity around our expectations, as well as the support and escalation pathways available to students who need additional help. We have also redesigned the document to make it easier to navigate and more accessible. A numbered contents page has been introduced so that students, parents and staff can quickly find the information they need.

You can read the updated Ready, Respect, Safe Policy here:

[Ready-Respect-Safe 2026-27](#)

Our aim is for the policy to be clear, consistent and supportive: setting high expectations for everyone while ensuring that students who experience difficulties are given the right support and intervention.

Over the coming weeks, we will also be seeking your views on two important areas of school policy. Firstly, we will be undertaking a further consultation on the school's approach to mobile phones. Secondly, we will be carrying out the final consultation on our school uniform. These consultations are expected to take place on **15th September**, with further information and the opportunity to respond being shared with you shortly.

We strongly encourage parents and carers to take part. We believe that the best decisions are made when we listen carefully to the views and experiences of our whole school community. Your voice matters, and we want parents and carers to have a genuine opportunity to shape these areas of school life.

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We will also continue to share our weekly Parent Messages with you throughout the year. These provide important updates, key information and reminders about what is happening across the school, as well as highlighting opportunities and events for our students. Please do take the time to look through these each week so that you can stay up to date with life at Kingsway.

I would also like to take this opportunity to remind parents and carers about safeguarding. We are delighted to welcome **Mrs Likissa**, our new Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL), to The Kingsway School. Mrs Likissa leads our safeguarding team and works closely with students, families and staff to ensure that our students are safe and supported. If you have a safeguarding concern, please contact the safeguarding team directly at [safeguarding.team@kingsway.stockport.sch.uk](mailto:safeguarding.team@kingsway.stockport.sch.uk).

Parents and carers can also contact the relevant Year Team email address if they have questions or concerns about their child's behaviour or pastoral support:

Year 7: [year7.pastoral@kingsway.stockport.sch.uk](mailto:year7.pastoral@kingsway.stockport.sch.uk)  
Year 8: [year8.pastoral@kingsway.stockport.sch.uk](mailto:year8.pastoral@kingsway.stockport.sch.uk)  
Year 9: [year9.pastoral@kingsway.stockport.sch.uk](mailto:year9.pastoral@kingsway.stockport.sch.uk)  
Year 10: [year10.pastoral@kingsway.stockport.sch.uk](mailto:year10.pastoral@kingsway.stockport.sch.uk)  
Year 11: [year11.pastoral@kingsway.stockport.sch.uk](mailto:year11.pastoral@kingsway.stockport.sch.uk)

These routes are there to help parents and carers contact the right team quickly when they have a question or concern about their child's experience of school.

We would also like to remind families to consider whether their child may be eligible for Free School Meals. If your child is eligible and you register them, the school receives additional funding through Pupil Premium, which we use to improve educational provision, resources and opportunities for our students and to help them reach their full potential.

Applying is straightforward, and all you will need is your National Insurance number. You only need to complete the form once, after which eligibility will be rechecked annually. Further information and the application form can be found on our website:

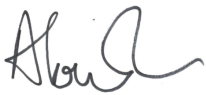
[Free School Meals application and information](#)

If you have not checked your eligibility recently, please take a moment to do so. Every eligible registration makes a difference to the funding we receive and therefore to the opportunities and support we can provide for our students.

Finally, there is a real sense of optimism across the school as we begin the new academic year. Our focus remains firmly on creating opportunities for every student to achieve and to develop the character, confidence and skills they need to thrive. In everything we do, we will continue to be guided by our core values of Opportunity, Achievement, Respect and Compassion, working together to ensure that our students can achieve success and transform their lives.

Thank you once again for your continued support. We are looking forward to a successful year ahead and to working closely with you to ensure that every student at Kingsway has the opportunity to succeed.

**Yours faithfully,**



Mrs A Fowler  
**Headteacher**



Mr J Sadler  
**Associate Headteacher**