

6th September 2023

Dear Parents

Re: School Information

Following the intake of new students in September, I am writing to all of our parents to make certain that you are all aware of the following information. This is required to ensure that we continue to comply with regulatory obligations which apply to all independent schools.

Name of School:	Our Lady of Sion School, Worthing
Company No:	06084975
Registered Office:	Gratwicke Road, Worthing, West Sussex, BN11 4BL
Telephone Number:	01903 204063
Headteacher:	Mr Steven Jeffery
Chair of Governors:	Mrs K Henwood
Address for correspondence:	Our Lady of Sion School, Gratwicke Road, Worthing, West Sussex, BN11 4BL

Both the Headteacher and the Chair of Governors can be contacted via the school:

Headteacher jefferys@sionschool.org.uk

Chair of Governors henwoodk@sionschool.org.uk

A statement of Our Lady of Sion School's Aims and Ethos:

AIMS

In accordance with the Charter for Our Lady of Sion Schools, it is our purpose to lead our students safely towards deeper knowledge of themselves, of "the other"* and of the world around them, enabling them to move towards a bright future as dependable, just and accomplished young adults.

We recognise that we are part of a strong community of students, parents, staff and governors.

Senior School and Sixth Form: Gratwicke Road, Worthing, West Sussex, BN11 4BL. Tel: 01903 204063

Junior School and Early Years: Westbrooke, Worthing, West Sussex, BN11 1RE. Tel: 01903 204062

Email: enquiries@sionschool.org.uk www.sionschool.org.uk

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TOGETHER, WE WILL

- constructively work together to provide an excellent educational experience for the students in our care and support them to become the best that they can be;
- contribute to, and benefit from, opportunities arising from our membership of the international family of Sion Schools;
- foster a culture based on consideration and respect for others, where cultural diversity is recognised and valued within the universality of humankind;
- support each other with an understanding that we are a diverse community where everyone is welcomed;
- ensure a safe environment by keeping safeguarding central to our practice through training and regular updates across the school;
- be reflective and self-critical, maintaining a clear awareness of our own strengths and weaknesses;
- create a dynamic learning environment with robust reporting, assessment and tracking procedures to ensure students are fully supported across all activities;
- encourage young people to take pride in everything that they aspire to do, in pursuit of academic excellence and contribution to school life including sport, music, drama, spiritual and charitable activities;
- think before speaking and understand that our actions affect others;
- support students to understand that risk taking and making mistakes is part of learning;
- provide opportunities for our students to develop their leadership skills, self-discipline, responsibility and emotional resilience.

Through achieving our aims, our students will possess the integrity, intellectual curiosity, ability to question, reason, think critically, and the resourcefulness to pursue their goals throughout their lives, making a positive contribution to our society.

*as referenced in the Charism of the Sisters of Sion

ETHOS

Ever mindful of our foundation, this community will work together to ensure that each individual child is aware of the significance of their own distinctive qualities and how discovering our own authentic selves is an essential part in making a difference through service.

Education must inform and inspire us and disrupt any apathy.

Education is powerful and purposeful, and the role of Sion is to encourage every member of the community to proactively engage with knowledge. Unlocking what it means to “proactively engage” is essential to Sion Education.

As a community of people, we shall inspire one another to recognise the importance and value of education, noting how it wonderfully stimulates our own personal growth.

We need to own an understanding of our true selves and others and collectively cultivate a reflective respect for the world around us.

We should be reminding each other to recognise the abundance of opportunities present within each day, along with the importance of our own existence in the here and now.

When mindful of these principles, high self-esteem is maintained, and personal impact is understood and celebrated.

We take care to ignite the highest aspiration and celebrate the unique spirit and achievement of every child. Under our auspicious care, the next generation of young people discover possibilities in the world around them, develop a life-long passion for learning and willingly respond with compassion to the needs of others and our planet.

The school has published the following information, policies and procedures which appear upon the website www.sionschool.org.uk. These are also available on written request.

Policies: www.sionschool.org.uk/about-us/school-policies/

School Curriculum: www.sionschool.org.uk/curriculum/

Information regarding the School's academic performance during the preceding school year, including the results of our GCSE and A-Level examinations:

<https://www.sionschool.org.uk/about-us/exam-results/>

We are currently updating this area of the website to display current result data.

A copy of the latest ISI Inspection Reports (2019) can be found here:

<https://www.sionschool.org.uk/about-us/isi-inspections/>

Senior Leadership Team information:

Headteacher	Steven Jeffery	jefferys@sionschool.org.uk
Deputy Headteacher	Helen Davis	davish@sionschool.org.uk
Senior Leader: Pastoral Care/Safeguarding	Anthony Faulkner	faulknera@sionschool.org.uk

Our Lady of Sion School's Safeguarding Team

Anthony Faulkner is the Designated Safeguarding Lead for Our Lady of Sion School

Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads:

Steve Jeffery
Helen Davis
Maria Manco
Sarah Summers

Mental Health First Aiders

Steve Danes
Vicki Hoarty
Peri Kirk

Staff email addresses and specific roles will shortly be updated in the Parent Handbooks in Firefly, link as below:

<https://lp-sionschool.fireflycloud.net/parent-handbook>

Never hesitate to contact us here. Our "open door" policy is genuine. We are here for you all.

Yours sincerely



Steve Jeffery
Headteacher