



Cokethorpe SCHOOL

From the Headmaster

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Dear Junior School Parents

You will find attached to this note a detailed letter that outlines some proposed changes to the house system in the Senior School here at Cokethorpe, and their rationale. I am taking the opportunity to write to you, as parents of the top years in the Junior School, because in many ways, your children will be the pioneers of this new system.

It will help to read the detail of that letter first, but I will highlight here the specific effects of these changes for your children.

- Although they will continue to have a senior house affiliation, for the first two years in the Senior School they will belong primarily to the new Lower House, with Mrs Pratley as their Housemistress. Next year they will be referred to as the Lower First. In buying any new uniform for the next academic year you should buy a Lower House tie.
- They will continue to take part in inter-house sport and other activities as members of their affiliated senior house.
- I am particularly delighted that Mrs Pratley, as a senior and experienced member of our pastoral team, has agreed to offer that experience to support the establishment of this new house. The house will help ensure that the pastoral concerns of younger members of the Senior School can be addressed in an individual and dedicated way.

Clearly this is a change from what both you and your children have been expecting. I am totally confident that their move into the care of the new Lower House will be seamless, and that changes will be wholly beneficial. Nevertheless, you may have some level of uncertainty about the effect of these changes, and so my offer to answer any such questions applies to all – please do not hesitate to be in touch.

With every good wish.

Yours sincerely