

" H I N T S "

1. ARRIVAL The day for arrival is Friday Sept 18th; new boys must arrive by four o'clock so that they can find their way about before the others come in the evening.

My wife and I are very anxious to meet as many parents as possible and we therefore hope that you will accept this invitation to have tea with us and the new boys on this day. Tea will start at about 3.30 p.m. and I hope you will fit in with my request to leave them by 5.0 p.m.

In case any parent may want to see either of us on any point we shall be in from 12.0 to 12.45 in the morning and again from 2.0 p.m. It would be advisable to drop us a card if you want an appointment. In any case do not wait till tea time to arrive for there will things to sort out and the House to see over. Try to come by about 2.45 or 3.0 p.m.
2. POCKET MONEY 1/- or 1/6 a week is paid to each boy according to his position in the School, and is charged to your account. Boys may also bring back spare money which they must pay into the House bank (which I keep) for safe keeping, and which they can draw as they like. A normal amount for the younger boys is £1 to £1.10.0
3. TUCK BOXES These are essential in Elmdene for keeping spare food on, though they are not required later in some Houses. Boys may bring what they like in the way of jam, cake, etc. No cooking is allowed nor are potted meats etc. as they quickly go bad. Actually very little is really needed. Boys cannot go into food shops in the Town without their parents; they can buy food at the Tuck Shop of the School.

Every effort is made to give a balanced diet, but although fresh fruit is provided several times a week and cooked fruit as often as possible, many boys like to have more as extra "tuck". So in the past many have had a weekly order for 2/6 worth of fresh fruit from a Sherborne greengrocer. If you wish your boy to have this, please see my letter point 3.
4. BICYCLES As parts of the playing fields are some distance away it is normal to have a cycle. It is worth considering having a good one at home and a poorer one at school which can remain here in the holidays, as transport is so costly now by rail. All cycles have to be tested for brakes and bell etc. by a Prefect before a boy can use his bike here.
5. SPORTS CLOTHES AND EQUIPMENT There are facilities for squash, fives and, in the Summer Term, tennis; boys are encouraged, therefore, to bring rackets, fives gloves etc if they have them. One or other of these make a good Birthday or Christmas present.
6. LEAVE OUT Boys are normally given leave to go out with their parents and friends on Saturdays and Sundays only; leave of absence from school periods and Chapel cannot be given. Leave to go out on other days of the week is given in special cases only. As a rule a new boy should not be visited until after the third week end of the term.
7. ILLNESS All boys are State patients, and must bring their National Health Service Cards E.C.4, for registration as patients of the School doctor at the beginning of their first term only.

If a boy is ill with a temperature I shall write to say what is wrong and shall continue to do so at intervals as long as I think necessary. Should a boy be seriously ill, parents are informed at once by telephone or telegram.