

17<sup>th</sup> May 2021

Dear Parents,

### **World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development**

We have a long tradition of celebrating the rich diversity of cultural heritage represented across the King's School family. The highlight of our cultural celebrations is usually in October, when pupils and staff are encouraged to enjoy culturally diverse clothing, foods, music and dance. This year however we have moved our day of celebrations to coincide with the World Day for Cultural Diversity for Dialogue and Development, on Friday 21st May.

This week, and in particular on Friday, we will be taking time as a school to focus on the uniqueness of our school community. With pupils, parents and staff representing over 30 different countries, we have over 41 different languages spoken amongst us. Staff members and pupils will be encouraged to share their cultural backgrounds and to decorate their form rooms throughout the week. On Friday 21st May we will be encouraging everyone to come into school wearing clothing that represents their culture of origin, a culture they wish to be associated with or the colours of the flag of their country. This is not a traditional "non uniform" day and it is always a magnificent highlight of the year with music, dancing and different foods at break time and lunchtime. It will be slightly different as year groups will have to stay within their zones as the Covid safety measures are still in place. As well as celebrating our diverse cultures, we will be taking the opportunity to pray for peace and justice across the world.

As we are currently raising money for Christian Aid to support their initiative to 'End the Climate Crisis' we are asking all to contribute £1 on Friday as a donation for wearing cultural clothes instead of school uniform.

Thank you all for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,



Joy Langley

**Interim Principal**