

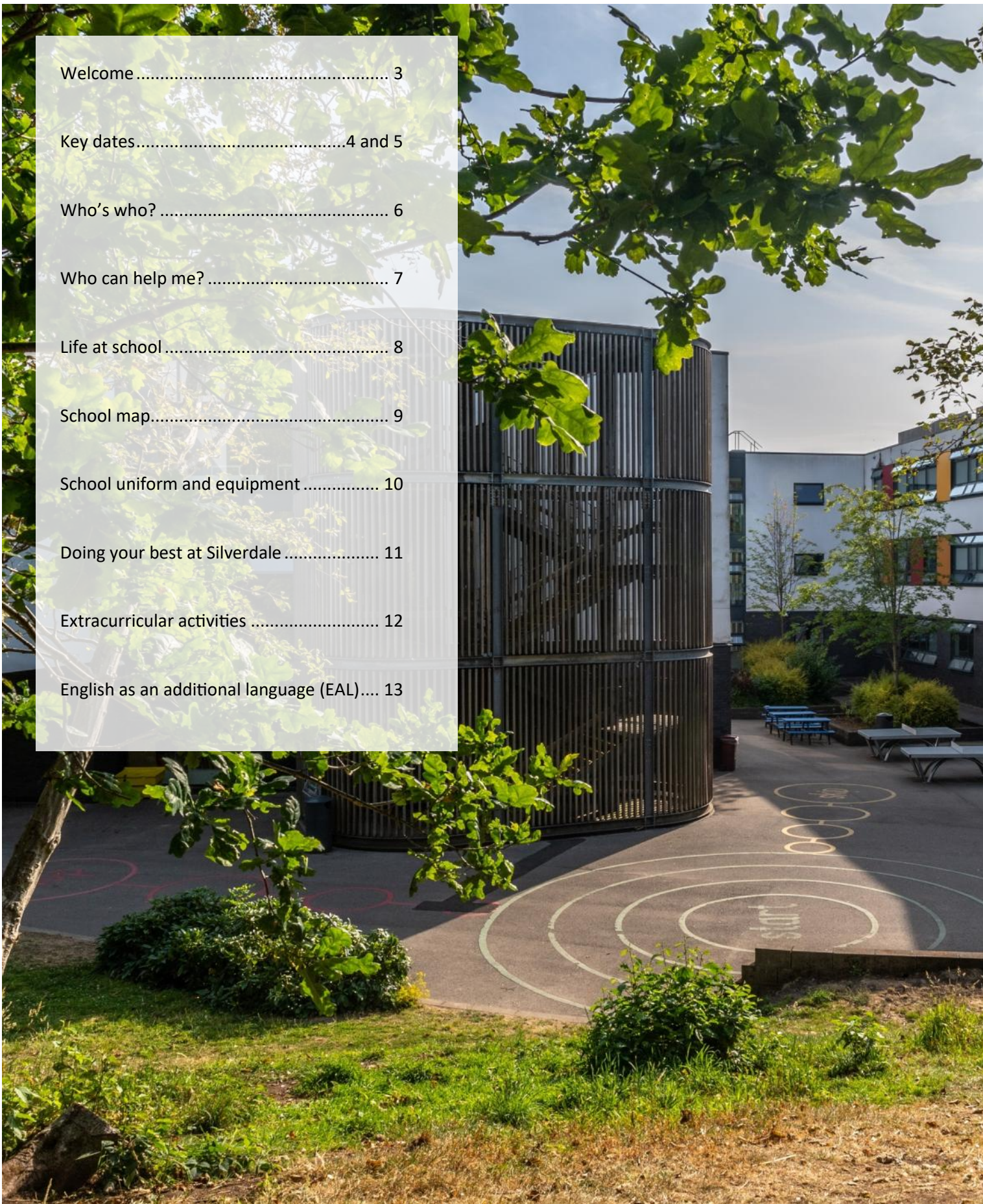


Joining Silverdale School Year 7

in September 2025

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Welcome

Dear Student,

Welcome to Silverdale School!

This booklet is designed to help you (and your parents or carers) to understand what happens before you join us here at Silverdale in September – we call this the ‘transition process’. We hope that it will help with some of the questions you may have about moving from Year 6 to 7. Look out for links to further information in this booklet, marked with a blue ‘i’ symbol.



Silverdale is an excellent school where we are passionate about caring for our students and helping them to achieve their potential. We are a diverse school where everyone is valued as part of the Silverdale community.

We have a state of the art building that will offer you a wide range of exciting, new opportunities and teaching and learning experiences. Our students from Year 7 through to 13 are able to take advantage of our sports, music, technology and ICT facilities, to name but a few.

We believe that a smooth, positive and exciting transition from Year 6 to Year 7 is crucial for your start in secondary education. The aim of the Silverdale transition process is for you – and every student - to start here in September feeling excited, confident and cared for.

Moving to a new school is always going to feel a little bit daunting and at the same time exciting. We hope that, together, we can make the transition from primary to secondary school as easy as possible. Whether you are from a major feeder school, and lots of your friends are coming to Silverdale, or you do not know anybody else yet, we are keen that you feel a part of the Silverdale community by the time you join us in September.

We are excited that you will be joining us and we look forward to meeting you. In the meantime, please look at our website to find out more about us: www.silverdale.chorustrust.org.


Sarah Sims

Mrs S Sims
Head of Silverdale School

Key dates

Over the next few months, we will invite you to meet us, find new friends and explore your new school at a series of events. You will be able to ask any questions that you may have and sample some of the activities that we offer our students.



Primary school visits


The Year 7 Team work hard to visit you at your primary school, so you can meet them and start to prepare for your move to Silverdale. The team will also discuss your needs with your primary teachers, so we can be ready for your arrival at Silverdale.

SEND coffee morning


Wednesday 23 April, 9.30am-11am

If you have a special educational need or disability (and have an EHC Plan or are on the SEND register at your primary school) your parents/carers will be invited (through your primary school) to our SEND coffee morning.

This gives your parents or carers the opportunity to meet the team who will be working with you, to learn about the support available and to ask any questions. This will help us to work with your parents/carers to support you throughout your time at Silverdale.

 www.silverdale.chorustrust.org/send

There are lots of events and we encourage you to make the most of the opportunities to get to know us. These events are designed to ensure that you feel happy and confident about joining us in September.

 www.silverdale.chorustrust.org/transition

Induction evening

Thursday 19 June, 5.30pm – 7.30pm

You will be invited to join us at Silverdale to meet your new form and form tutor/s. You will spend time with your form getting to know your classmates.

While you are doing this, your parents and carers will receive presentations from the Head of School and the Head of Year 7.

You will then have a chance to meet the Year 7 and wellbeing teams, and see how homework works at Silverdale.



Transition days

**Wednesday 25 June, 9.15am – 3.00pm and
Thursday 26 June, 9.15am – 3.00pm**

You will join us for two days at Silverdale School, along with all new Year 7 students. You will experience a variety of taster lessons, meet your new teachers and school staff, have the opportunity to make new friends and explore your new school. This is a vital part of the transition process and it is our intention that you leave the days excited to start at Silverdale.

You will arrive at school by 9.15am each day, where you will be met by the Head of Year 7. At the end of the day, you will make your own way home.

Our Year 10 Ambassadors will escort you around school. They will also be attached to your form group when you start school in September so you will already know an older student who will be able to help you settle in.

In order to be prepared for transition days you should:

- Bring a pen, pencil and ruler.
- Wear your own clothes.
- Wear footwear that is suitable for PE activities.
- Bring a packed lunch. If you are entitled to free school meals, you will receive a packed lunch from school.

More information will be shared closer to the time!



Summer's Cool

**Wednesday 20 – Friday 22 August or
Tuesday 26 – Thursday 28 August**

All new Year 7 students are invited to join us for one of these weeks, where you can:

- Gain real insight into Silverdale School.
- Meet new teachers.
- Make new friends from other primary schools.
- Participate in a range of fun and educational activities.

This event, for which there is a nominal charge, runs twice, so students may choose which of the two weeks they wish to attend.

Please note: these dates are provisional. The event can only run if we have enough students attending. A price will be confirmed nearer the time, depending on numbers. We will contact your parent/carer via email when full details have been published.



First day for Year 7

Wednesday 3 September 8.55am-3.15pm

On your first day you need to arrive by 8.55am for school to start at 9.00am. Make sure you are wearing your Silverdale School uniform, have a bag with your equipment, and are ready to learn and have fun! We will start the day with an assembly, students will be reminded where to line up outside the main hall.

Who's who?

Year 7 Team

Miss Clemens

Head of Year 7

Miss Clemens is in charge of Year 7.

It is her job to make sure that every student settles in well and enjoys their first year at Silverdale. She will reward students for working hard and deal with any issues with behaviour. Miss Clemens is always there to offer advice and support to any student or parent who needs it.



Miss Abou Galala

Pastoral Manager

Miss Abou Galala supports students, parents and staff, and she works very closely with Miss Clemens. Please let her know if you have any problems or concerns, and she will do everything she can to help.



Leadership Team

Mr James

Chief Executive Officer
Chorus Education Trust



Mrs Sims

Head of Silverdale School



Mr Horton

Deputy Headteacher



Mrs Hussain

Deputy Headteacher



Mr Dalrymple

Assistant Headteacher



Mr Naylor

Assistant Headteacher



Mr Jones

Assistant Headteacher



Ms Simpson

Assistant Headteacher



Mr Foster

Business Manager



Who can help me?

There is a wide range of staff in the school who are here to support students. As well as the team in the Year 7 office and individual form tutors, there are other members of staff who are here to help you.

Your form tutor

You will meet them when you visit school, they are very excited to meet you! Your form tutor is there to help you succeed in your journey at Silverdale. You will see them every morning and they will help solve any problems or worries.



Learning Support Team

The Learning Support Team provides support for students with special educational needs or disabilities. This team should be the first point of contact for any SEND enquiries you or your parents/carers may have.


The Learning Support Team includes:

Mrs Brocklesby

Special Educational Needs
Co-ordinator (SENDCo)

Mrs Brocklesby works with the Learning Support Team to support students with special educational needs or disabilities.



 www.silverdale.chorustrust.org/send

It is our aim here at Silverdale that all of our students feel included and integrated in school life - including all of our new Year 7 students.

The Year 7 Team

Miss Clemens and Miss Abou Galala are here to help. They can be found in the Year 7 Office on the first floor.



Safeguarding, Inclusion and Wellbeing Team

Mrs Pawlak

Safeguarding Officer

Mrs Pawlak and her team will help you if you need any emotional wellbeing support or help with mental health issues. This team also helps students who require additional support for example: those who are young carers, have an allocated social worker or those unable to live with their birth families.



 www.silverdale.chorustrust.org/wellbeing

 www.silverdale.chorustrust.org/safeguarding


Integrated Resource for Deaf and Hearing Impaired Students

Mrs Coates

Co-ordinator of the Integrated Resource (IR) for Deaf and Hearing Impaired Students

Mrs Coates manages a team of qualified teachers of the deaf and specialist teaching assistants who run this resource on behalf of Sheffield City Council. Students from across the city attend, with some lessons taking place in mainstream school and some within specialist classrooms.



 www.silverdale.chorustrust.org/integratedresource

Life at school

Ready, Respectful, Safe

You are all coming from different schools with lots of ways of doing things. The Silverdale Way is to be 'Ready, Respectful and Safe'. These are the things we really care about at Silverdale and we will reward you for getting them right. Joining a new school can be daunting, but keeping these three things in your mind when making choices will set you up for success!

Subjects

You will study a wide range of subjects. Your teachers will teach you in specially equipped classrooms. These include the science laboratories, drama and dance studios, languages labs, design and technology rooms and indoor and outdoor PE facilities.

www.silverdale.chorustrust.org/curriculum



Lunch

Lunch is a really exciting time of the day where you will get to experience more freedom and choice than you will have been used to before. You will be able to spend time with anyone in year 7, visit our restaurant to have lunch, or attend a club. All students eat their food together in our dining spaces. We offer a fantastic choice of main meals, street food grab pots, sandwiches, jacket potatoes, cakes, desserts and drinks. You will pay for your lunch using your dinner card or fingerprint. You can top up with cash at school, or your parents/carers can upload money via ParentPay.

Our restaurant also opens for breakfast and at morning break for hot and cold snacks to keep you going until lunchtime.

www.silverdale.chorustrust.org/catering

The School Day

8.30—9.00	Arrive in school
9.00	Registration
9.15	Period 1
10.15	Period 2
11.15	Morning break
11.35	Period 3
12.35	Lunch break
13.15	Period 4
14.15	Period 5
15.15	End of school day

www.silverdale.chorustrust.org/schoolday


The school day starts at 9.00am, and you are welcome to come in to school from 8.30am so that you are ready for the start of the day. We start with registration, with your form and your form tutor in your form room at 9.00am. You will then go to your different lessons. Each period will take place in a different room, with a different teacher. You can use the map to find your way around—or ask if you think you are lost.



School uniform and equipment

Uniform

You will wear the Silverdale School uniform when you come to school. You can see the items that are required on this page, and you can look at our website for other optional items:

 www.silverdale.chorustrust.org/uniform

Tops

- **Black polo shirt** with a school logo
- **Black sweatshirt** with a school logo *or* **black cardigan** with a school logo.

Other items

- **Black tailored trousers:** loose fitting, plain, not tight around the ankle *or* **black tailored shorts:** loose fitting, mid-thigh length or longer *or* **black tailored skirts:** not denim or tube style, professional dress.
- **Plain black tights:** no patterns or holes.
- **Flat, plain, black shoes:** no white or coloured logos, soles or markings.
- **Plain religious headdress.**
- **Coat.**
- **School bag.**

PE kit

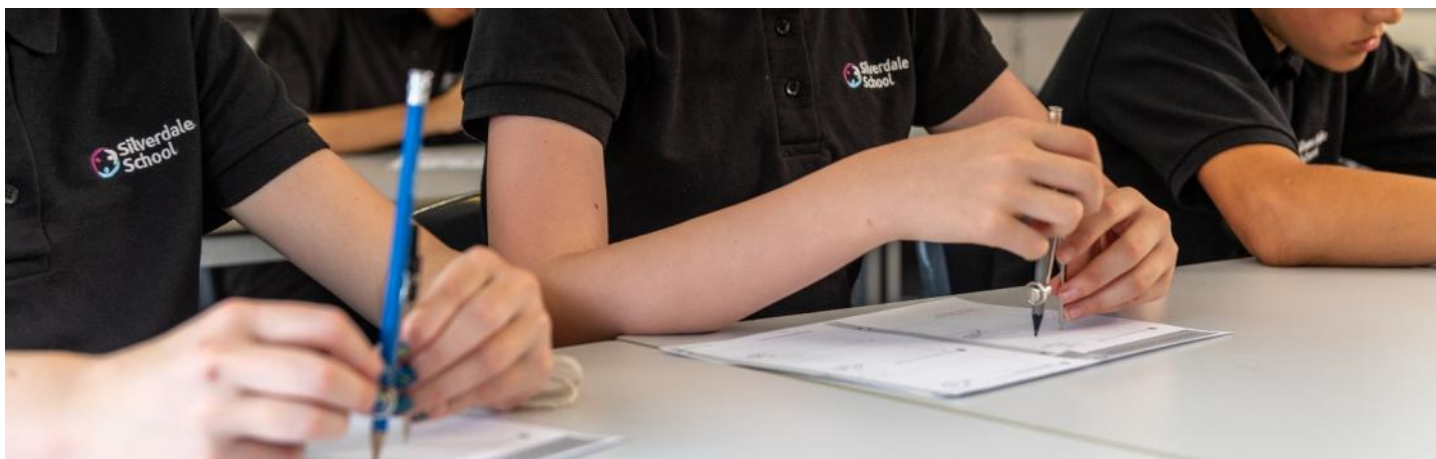
You will always change into PE kit, when you have a PE lesson. The kit that you need to have is given opposite. See the website for optional items.

- **Black or grey Silverdale PE t-shirt** *or* **black and white Silverdale long sleeved PE shirt.**
- **Black Silverdale shorts** *or* **black tracksuit bottoms** *or* **black leggings.**
- **Sports training shoes.**

Equipment

We want you to be ready to learn when you come to school, so you should bring with you every day:

- Your planner
- a pen and a spare
- a pencil
- a ruler
- a pencil case
- a green pen
- an eraser
- a scientific calculator
- a glue stick
- a highlighter



Mobile phones and technology (September 2025)

As a Year 7 student joining us in September 2025, you should not bring smartphones, smartwatches or headphones to school; they are 'banned items'. A smartphone is a phone that allows users to access the internet and download apps.

You may bring a 'non-smart' or 'feature-free' phone in

your bag so that you can contact your parents or friends on your journey to and from school.

If you have a medical or specific learning need that requires the use of a smartphone, then please ask your parents or carers to contact us.

If your parent or carer needs to contact you urgently they will be able to by calling the school reception, who will pass on the message.

Doing your best at Silverdale

Attitude to Learning

We want to make sure that you develop the skills and abilities necessary to be successful in the changing world. We focus on 'attitude to learning' to help you to achieve this and do your best.

You will receive an Attitude to Learning (AtL) grade from your teachers each half term, as well as an academic development report twice a year. These will be shared with your parents, and your form tutor will help you to use this information to develop an exceptional attitude to learning.

We will help you to be:

R EADY TO LEARN

R ESILIENT

R ESOURCEFUL

R espectful

R eflective

Extracurricular activities

At Silverdale, we aim to nurture your talents and interests. A wide range of clubs (extracurricular activities) are put on before school, at lunchtimes and after school – and all students are welcome to take part.


 www.silverdale.chorustrust.org/extracurricular



The Library

The library is open during break and lunch times. There is an extensive range of books and graphic novels, as well as board games. Homework club runs in the library after school. Our excellent librarian can help you find books that interest you, or to try something new!

You will have some of your lessons in the library and you can also browse the books online.

 www.silverdale.chorustrust.org/reading



We expect you will join at least one extracurricular club in Year 7. Clubs are an excellent way for you to try a new skill and get to know new people.

Activities currently on offer include:

- Advanced Dance
- Art Club
- Badminton
- Boys Drama
- Coding Club
- Creative Club
- Cross Country Club
- Dance Club
- Debating Club
- Drama Club
- Excellence Club
- Football
- Girls' Football
- Girls' Basketball
- Hockey Club
- Keyboard Club
- Netball Club
- Percussion Club
- Rugby Club
- Silverdale Voices
- Table Tennis Club
- Talent Show Rehearsals
- Trampolining
- Ukulele Club
- Volleyball
- Warhammer Club
- Youth Orchestra




Instrument lessons

At Silverdale you can apply to have instrumental, vocal or DJ lessons in school time. This includes drums, strings, woodwind, brass and guitar. Lessons are paid for directly to the music teacher, not Silverdale School.

To register your interest you can visit forms.gle/WWSDdPKuLRwxVQvX6 or scan the code to fill in your details.



Scan me


 www.silverdale.chorustrust.org/extracurricular

English as an additional language (EAL)

Silverdale is proud to be a multicultural, multilingual school.

Students and staff at our school speak over 30 languages and nearly thirty per cent of us come from bilingual backgrounds. Our students are the international citizens of the future and we celebrate the diversity that this brings to our school in all sorts of ways.

If English is your second or third language, or where you need some extra support to progress, we have a number of qualified staff in school to offer you support. If you are bilingual, you will have the opportunity at Key Stage 4 to take a GCSE in your home language, where qualifications are offered.

 www.silverdale.chorustrust.org/courses?course=79



We can't wait to meet you!

In the meantime, if you have any queries, please take a look at the frequently asked questions (FAQs) on the Silverdale website at www.silverdale.chorustrust.org/transition, or contact us using the details below.



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