Routines and Information for Year 5 and Year 6

Moving into a new class is an important transition for the children. We will support children to settle into the new routines and classes as well as build independence in the early weeks in Years 5 and 6.

Class Teachers and Classes

Everyone is excited about the new school year ahead.
Your new teachers are:
Year 5/6 Miss J Ward (Hazel) (Year 5 and 6 team lead)
Year 5/6 Mr R Horne (Maple)
Year 5/6 Miss K Bathurst (Cedar)

Start of School Day and Home Time
Pupils may begin to arrive at school from 8.30, walk around to the playground and enter the classroom.
School starts at 8.45 and children must be on site by this time please. Parents are able to walk pupils to the classroom door should they wish to. Classroom doors will open at 8.30 so that children can walk straight in. Children will not be expected to line up in the morning.
Years 3-6 are dismissed from their classrooms at 3.15 at the end of the day.
As the children become older and more independent, we know that some will be allowed to travel to and from school on their own. A 'permission to leave school site' letter will be sent home within the first few weeks of the new academic year for you to confirm whether you are happy for your child to walk home independently. **If your child is in year 6, please complete a new form.** We will ensure that they are aware of what to do in an emergency. Should they experience a problem, children will be asked to return to the school office or their class teacher for support.

Reading
We have a system for recording reading online. More information will follow about this and how to access it in September. Children will be able to take a library book home and a 'Home Reader' which will usually be a shorter book. Due to the new electronic library system in place, children will not be able to take a new book until the previous book is scanned back in. **There will be a charge for lost or damaged books**.

Homework
Children in year 5 and 6 will be given a set of revision books in which to complete set pieces of homework. The school will provide these books but should they be lost or damaged, parents or carers will be asked to cover the cost of a replacement (£4.00 per book). Tasks from the books will be set by class teachers on a weekly basis for children to complete at home. Books should be returned for marking each week. A homework task should take up to 40 minutes to complete. Children in year 5 and 6 are likely to need less support from an adult for some of their homework. It is fine to help them to get started and support them if they do need help. In the summer term, project work linked to the topic of study will be set for year 5 and 6 pupils.

PE kits
Children will continue to wear their PE kits on their PE days. You will be notified of the specific days in due course. Please ensure that all items are named. Unless the weather is very poor or very wet, children will go outside for PE.

Equipment and Pencil Cases
We will provide all the equipment that children need to use in school. Children can, however, also bring in their own pencil cases if they wish to do so. Suggested items for pencil cases include pencil, red pen, sharpener, rubber, glue stick, ruler, whiteboard marker etc. Handwriting pens will be provided.

Snacks
Children can bring a **healthy** snack to eat at playtime. This should be a piece of fruit or dried fruit.

Water Bottles
Children need to bring in their own water bottle every day. **Only water is allowed.**

Going to the Toilet
It is important that parents know children are not prevented from using the toilet in school during lesson time; however, to minimise disruption, we suggest that children go during break and lunchtimes so that lesson disruption is limited.

Mobile Phones
Children are allowed to bring mobile phones to school as they are needed before and after school. Children must place their mobile phones in the designated drawer in their classrooms when entering the school in the morning and then collect at the end of the day. Children must not use their mobile phones on the school site due to the safeguarding risks posed to our school community. Any children found on their mobile phones on the school site will have their mobile phone confiscated and parents will need to collect them from the school office at the end of the day. If this has happened, children will then drop their phones off at the office for the foreseeable future. Please help us to keep our school community safe. You will also receive a letter to sign agreeing to the conditions of children being allowed to bring their phones on to school site, this is something we allow to ensure parents are able to contact children walking to and from school.

We hope you find this information useful. If you are unsure or you have further questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to speak to us.

Thank you

Year 5 and 6 Class Teachers and Teaching Assistants