



I would like to inform you of the changes that your child will encounter so that you can help prepare and support them for the year ahead.

### **Curriculum**

Your child will be mostly class-based and they will be taught by an experienced member of our primary-trained staff. In addition to this, they will continue to receive some specialist teaching, for example in Music and PE. Your child will receive a copy of their new timetable in September and you will receive a termly newsletter which will identify the key aspects of curriculum coverage in Year 5.

### **Structure of the Day**

Your child will have a longer teaching day, as the day for our Year 5 pupils finishes at 4pm. At this time, your child will be dismissed from their lessons and will wait to be collected outside of the vicarage building at the Junior School on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. It is important to note that your child will have PE every Tuesday and Friday afternoon at the Senior School and therefore your child will need collecting at 4pm from the Senior School on these days. Swimming will usually take place on a Monday but, until swimming resumes, they will receive an additional PE lesson during this time. They will need to wear their sports kit on all PE days (please see the letter from Miss Sweeney regarding PE & Games lessons, uniform and kit).

### **Equipment**

Book bags are allowed in school. In order to ensure that your child is fully prepared for their day ahead, they will also need to be equipped with the following stationery items:

- pencils (HB) and sharpener
- eraser
- a blue roller ball pen (no biro please) and spares – rub out pens, e.g. Frixion erasable rollerball with additional cartridges are preferable.
- a ruler
- a purple pen
- a protractor
- a pair of small scissors
- a glue stick
- coloured pencils (no felt tips please)
- highlighters (optional)

### **Other Requirements**

- a water bottle which can be refilled throughout the day
- a healthy snack for morning break (in a disposable bag)
- a reading book either brought from home or taken out from the school library
- indoor & outdoor trainers
- an art overall

### **Homework**

Your child will normally be set three pieces of core subject work per week (Maths, English and French or Science). They may also be asked to complete occasional topic work, e.g. Science, History, etc. The purpose of the homework is to support your child's learning. Each piece of homework should take approximately 20-30 minutes. In addition to this, the pupils will be given a set of spellings each week to learn for the following week and we would encourage your child to read every night for 10 minutes. Regular times tables practice is also advised. Please ensure that you read and sign your child's planner daily and check that any homework set has been completed. The planner is also a good way to communicate messages to your child's teacher. If your child is having difficulty completing the work in the required time, it is a good idea to write a note in their planner informing the child's tutor, or the particular subject teacher, so that the issue can be addressed quickly.

### **Contacts in School**

Your child's form teacher in Year 5 will be:

Y4F to Y5M [ian.maude@redhouseschool.co.uk](mailto:ian.maude@redhouseschool.co.uk)

Y4A to Y5T [claire.thompson@redhouseschool.co.uk](mailto:claire.thompson@redhouseschool.co.uk)

If you have any concerns about how your child is settling into Year 5, I would recommend that in the first instance you discuss these with your child's tutor. If you wish to discuss any issue further, please contact me ([claire.thompson@redhouseschool.co.uk](mailto:claire.thompson@redhouseschool.co.uk)) as team leader for the children in Key Stage 2.

### **Pupil Post**

Important letters and information are sent out electronically via Pupil Post on a Friday. Please ensure you check these each week.

### **Clubs**

In order to settle the pupils safely back into school, we will not be offering co-curricular clubs in September but we will keep you informed as soon as this changes.

### **Merits**

Teaching staff award merits for good work and effort. Certificates will be awarded in school.

I hope that this information has helped prepare you and your child for their exciting year ahead and we are very much looking forward to welcoming everyone back in September.

**Miss Claire Thompson**