



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**

In Year 6, your child will continue to be taught by experienced members of our primary-trained staff. In addition to this, they will also receive some specialist teaching by our Senior School staff, for example in French, 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 6.

### **Structure of the Day**

The end of the day will remain at 4pm and they will exit from the side door adjoined to the Year 6 classrooms (previous Year 5 classrooms).

It is worth noting that the pupils will have games every Tuesday and Friday afternoon, and they will go swimming on a Wednesday. Until swimming lessons resume, they will receive a PE lesson during this time. They will need to wear their PE kit on these days (please see Miss Sweeney's letter on PE & Games lessons for further information including kit and equipment).

### **Equipment**

Book bags are allowed in school. It is also a good idea to ensure that your child has a sturdy plastic or fabric folder for each curriculum area to help keep their work organised. This folder should be clearly labelled with the child's name, form and subject area so that, if it is misplaced, it can be quickly returned to them. It is advisable to provide folders for the following curriculum areas: English, Maths, Science, French, Geography, Religious Studies, History and Design Technology. Alongside this, your child will also need all the necessary stationery for the day's lessons.

### **Stationery Requirements**

- 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 calculator
- 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**

In Year 6, your child will normally be set four pieces of homework per week for the core subjects (English, Maths, Science and French). The purpose of the homework is to support your child's learning. Each piece of work should take approximately 20-30 minutes each. 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. If your child is having difficulty completing the work in this time, it is a good idea to write a note in their planner to inform the child's tutor, or the particular subject teacher, so that the issue can be addressed quickly.

Your child will be encouraged to write their set homework in their planner. Parents are asked to check that the homework has been completed and to sign their planner daily showing that this has taken place.

### **Contacts in School**

Your child's tutor in Year 6 will be:

Y5T to Y6C: rebecca.coverdale@redhouseschool.co.uk (Tuesday – Thursday) and

heidi.garrett@redhouseschool.co.uk (Monday & Friday)

Y5M to Y6H: paul.heaton@redhouseschool.co.uk

If you have any concerns about how your child is settling into Year 6, I would recommend that, in the first instance, you discuss any concerns with your child's tutor. If you wish to discuss any issue further, you may contact Paul Heaton (as above) as Year 6 leader or me (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 this 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 them back in September.

**Miss Claire Thompson**