



# Parents' Transition Information

## July 2022

Welcome to Year 5

# Welcome



The aim of this short PowerPoint is to provide you with the expectations in Year 5 and other information so that your child is fully prepared to start in September. I cannot wait to meet them all and be their teacher next academic year!

Mrs Hickman

# Your new teacher is Mrs Hickman

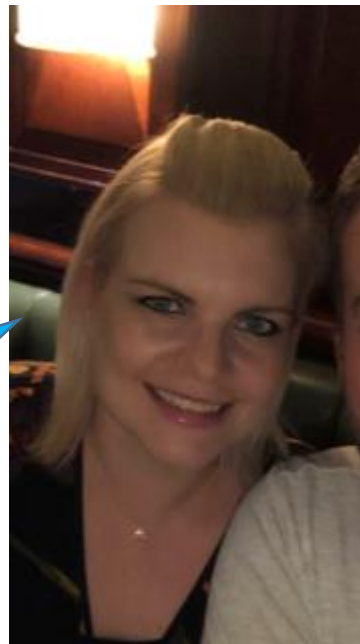
Hello, my name is Mrs Hickman. I have been at St Joseph's since September 2015 but you will be my fourteenth ever class!

I am scared of spiders! Yuk! Oh and wasps.  
My favourite food is chocolate!  
Yum!

I love my family, chocolate, art and crafts (but I'm not very good at it!), sunny days in Summer and stomping on crunchy leaves in the Autumn  
I have a pet cat called Amber. She is a ginger and white, striped cat.

In Year 5 I am going to need help with you all being independent and looking after all of your belongings.

I am from Ireland and my hometown is called Carlow in the Southeast of the Republic of Ireland.



I am married. I have a daughter at St Joseph's called Ava (going into Year 1) and twin baby girls called Orla and Sinead. (They are one and a half!)

A little-known fact about me is that I have two brothers. One older, one younger – I'm the only girl!  
My favourite day is Sunday because it's family time  
I love going back to Ireland to see my mam and dad.

# Expectations

At St. Joseph's we pride ourselves in maintaining high expectations and appreciate your support with these too.

- Children in neat and tidy **full uniform** every day with correct socks and black shoes.
- Only **one pair of plain, round stud earrings** (no shapes or patterns) in the lobes of the ears. Watches are allowed **but not smart watches** in which messages can be sent and received
- Please do not get your child's ears pierced during school time. It must be done in the summer holiday and the children must be able to take the earrings out and put them in for PE sessions independently. Staff are not allowed to touch the piercings.
- **No other jewellery** is allowed
- **No nail varnish** allowed
- **No extreme hair styles** – tram lines etc.
- Long hair must be **tied back** (for girls AND boys).



# Expectations Continued

As you already know, as parents, you are the primary educators of your children. You all play a crucial role in the education of your children along with us all here at St. Joseph's.

- Please ensure you are **encouraging your child to be independent** e.g. carrying their own bags into school, getting their PE clothes ready for the correct days, having the equipment they need, handing in their homework on time etc.
- Key Stage 1 children should be able to cut up their own food at dinner times unless they have a particular need in being able to do this
- Reading, writing and maths activities should be encouraged at home. (more to follow in the upcoming slides)
- Pencil cases should be **manageable size** (Key Stage 2 only)
- Please **encourage children to look after their belongings**
- **Everything should be labelled**





# Homework

- It is vital that parents **display a positive attitude to homework** and value its importance. It is also important for parents to recognise that it is the children's responsibility to complete work too.
- If parents feel that the homework is insufficient for their child's needs, they are encouraged to take responsibility for the child's learning themselves (as co-educators with the school), by visiting the local library, providing other educational opportunities by visiting local places of interest or by buying homework books from local bookshops.
- Teachers will be more than happy to provide you with a list of educational websites to help with homework and revision.
- If parents have any queries or questions about homework, they should, in the first instance, contact the child's class teacher.

## **Pupils with special educational needs**

- We set homework for all children as a normal part of school life. We ensure that all tasks set are appropriate to the ability of the child. If a child has special needs, we endeavour to adapt any task set so that all children can contribute in a positive way.

# Homework in Key Stage 2



We have a consistent approach to homework across our four Key Stage 2 classes.

- **Reading should be completed every night (recommended 10 minutes) and recorded in their reading record. Children can record the name of the book and pages read themselves or an adult can do it.**
- **Times tables should be learnt by heart (by the end of Year 4, children should know ALL times tables up to 12 x 12 in and out of order)**
- **Learn the Key Instant Recall Fact (KIRFs) for each half-term.**
- Any online homework, such as Education City and Times Tables Rock stars, should be completed when set. Opportunities will be provided for children who do not have access to the internet or parents should visit the local library with their children to use the computers free of charge. Children can access these resources independently even when homework is not set.
- Any other topic work/project work should be completed when set (usually over the course of a number of weeks).

# Additional Information



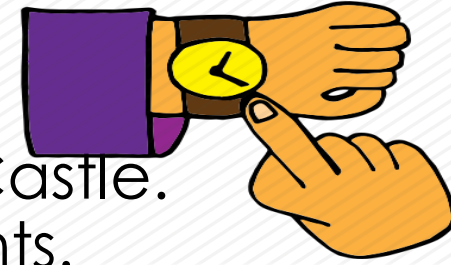
Sometimes when children enter Year 5, they will notice a jump in curriculum expectations. The reason for this is that the National Curriculum is set out in phases – Years 3/4 (Lower KS2) and Years 5/6 (Upper KS2).

Skills introduced in Year 3 are consolidated in Year 4 and the same with Years 5 and 6 - introduced in 5 and consolidated in 6.

We will obviously support children throughout their entire educational journey, but we have found that in the first few weeks of year 5, some children might say it is “hard” or “different”. Please reassure them that it is normal to feel this way and they will be as brilliant as always. It just takes a little getting used to! 😊



**Attendance and Punctuality** – It is extremely important that children are at school and in school on time every day. This will ensure that no vital learning or support groups are missed.



**Residential** – Year 5 tend to go on a retreat residential to Alton Castle. This usually takes place in the Summer Term for 3 days and 2 nights. More information to follow with dates/prices.

**Behaviour** – We are currently reviewing the school's behaviour management system and will be following the current best practice in this area of education. Further details will be announced at the beginning of the new school year and will be incorporated into our school's behaviour policy. **The key principles of this approach will centre around positive reinforcement including the recognition and reward of children making the right choices.**

# Equipment



In year 5, we ask children to take responsibility for ALL of their own equipment. Below is the list of equipment you will need.

## **Essentials you will need:**

- Blue pens\*
- Pencils
- Rubbers
- Pencil sharpener
- Ruler
- A manageable sized pencil case to put them in!
- Water bottle

Dry wipe markers for whiteboard work  
Green highlighter  
Glue sticks  
Purple pens for editing

\* Blue biro pens are fine in Year 5, they don't need to be the school pens or fountain pens. All children can write with a biro from September but if their handwriting is not legible or presentable, they will be asked to revert back to a pencil until it is.

# And Finally ...



Year 5 is going to be a great year. I cannot wait to welcome you all back to St Joseph's and start our learning journey together. I know there are lots of things to remember and it will be very busy, full of new learning, but we will have lots of fun and laughs along the way!

I hope you all have a happy, safe summer and I look forward to seeing you and your child next term. If you have any further questions, please contact school through the school [info\\_stjosephs@emmausmac.com](mailto:info_stjosephs@emmausmac.com) email address! 😊

Mrs Hickman

# Things you can do to prepare for Year 5:

**Practice your times tables!!** You need them for nearly **every** Maths topic in Year 5. Chant/say them or play some online games.

[Hit the Button - Quick fire maths practise for 6-11 year olds \(topmarks.co.uk\)](https://www.topmarks.co.uk/Hit-the-Button)

[Daily 10 - Mental Maths Challenge - Topmarks](https://www.topmarks.co.uk/Daily-10)

[Times tables collection - BBC Teach](https://www.bbc.com/teach/1-10-times-tables)



Keep reading! **Good readers make good writers.** Remember: reading can be story books, comics, joke books, information books, song lyrics etc. Try to explore lots of different types and genres.



Work on your **handwriting, presentation** (including drawing lines, margins, underlining using a ruler) and **punctuation/grammar**. Take a look at the previous years' terminology on the next few slides.

# Year 4

## Vocabulary, Grammar and Punctuation

### Word

I can

- recognise the difference between plural and possessive -s
- use standard English in speech and writing

### Sentence

I can

- add adjectives, nouns and prepositions to give more detail
- use fronted adverbials

### Text

I can

- use paragraphs to organise my ideas
- choose appropriate pronouns or nouns to help my writing flow

### Punctuation

I can

- use inverted commas and other punctuation to indicate direct speech
- use apostrophes to show plural possession
- use commas after fronted adverbials

### I can talk about my work using these words

pronoun

determiner

possessive pronoun

adverbial



# Year 3

## Vocabulary, Grammar and Punctuation

### Word

I can

- make nouns using prefixes
- use a or an appropriately by looking at the first letter of a word
- recognise word families

### Sentence

I can

- express time, place and cause using conjunctions
- express time, place and cause using adverbs
- express time, place and cause using prepositions

### Text

I can

- use paragraphs to group information
- use headings and sub-headings
- use the present perfect form of verbs

### Punctuation

I can

- recognise direct speech
- use inverted commas to punctuate direct speech

### I can talk about my work using these words

preposition

conjunction

word family

clause

subordinate clause

consonant

consonant letter

vowel

vowel letter

prefix

inverted commas/speech marks



# Year 2

## Vocabulary, Grammar and Punctuation

### Word

I can

- make nouns and adjectives using suffixes
- make compound words
- compare using -er and -est
- use -ly to make adverbs

### Sentence

I can

- extend my sentences using if, that, because
  - extend my sentences using or, but
  - use adjectives to describe nouns
- recognise statements, questions, exclamations and commands

### Text

I can

- use past and present tense correctly
- use verbs to show actions in progress

### Punctuation

I can

- use capital letters, full stops, question marks and exclamation marks
- use commas in a list
- use apostrophes to show that a letter is missing
- use apostrophes to show that something belongs to somebody

### I can talk about my work using these words

noun      noun phrase      suffix  
statement      compound      verb  
command      question      comma  
adjective  
adverb  
tense      apostrophe



# Year 1

## Vocabulary, Grammar and Punctuation

### Word

#### I can

- add -s to make words plural
- add -ing, -ed and -er
- add un-

### Sentence

#### I can

- use and join words together to make a sentence

### Text

#### I can

- put sentences together

### Punctuation

#### I can

- separate words with spaces
- use a capital letter for I, and at the beginning of sentences
- use full stops .
- use exclamation marks !

### I can talk about my work using these words

letter      sentence      word  
capital letter      singular      full stop      plural  
punctuation  
question mark      exclamation mark

