



# Parents' Transition Information

## July 2020

Welcome to Year 6

# Welcome



The aim of this short PowerPoint is to provide you a guide to the expectations in Year 6 so that your child is fully prepared to start in September.

Mrs Lawson

# 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 six week 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 bags 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.

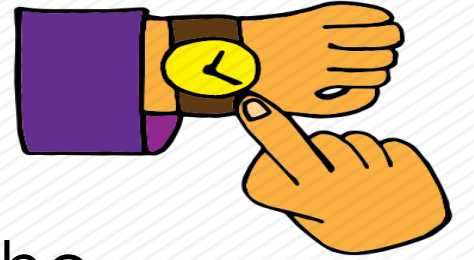
- **Reading should be completed every night and recorded in their reading record.**
- **Times tables should be learnt by heart (by the end of Year 4, children should know ALL times tables up to 12 x 12 in and out of order)**
- **Spellings should be learnt every week.**
- Any online homework, such as 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).
- Children in Year 6 may be given more if it is felt it will support their learning as they approach the National Assessments.

# Additional Information



- Responsibilities – In Year 6 your child will have the opportunity to apply for positions of responsibilities e.g. Head boy/Head girl. These positions are chosen by their peers and members of staff at school. Each child will also become a Prefect for a term and be a buddy to a child in Reception.
- Expectations in Year 6 – Your child will now be in the final year at St Joseph's School, therefore must be a Role Model at ALL times to younger children and as helpers to members of staff. This means that there are consistently high expectations of behaviour and attitude to learning. Detentions are given for repeat offenders for inconsistent homework ( I'm not that scary – I promise!) The traffic light system is used for behaviour sanctions.





- Rewards – We use a privilege scheme in Year 6. The children who receive the most house points receive a privilege e.g. Going to lunch early; coming to school in their slippers. These are decided every Friday afternoon 😊
- Attendance and Punctuality – It is extremely important that children are at school and in school on time everyday. This will ensure that no vital learning is missed.
- Residential – This usually takes place in the Summer Term for 3 days and 2 nights. More information will follow about this next term.
- SATs - more information to follow.





## Sacrament of Confirmation:

- Year 6 is a very important and special year for Sacramental preparation (Confirmation).
- Your children will prepare for the Sacrament through RE lessons in school, parents meetings and Masses at Our Lady and All Saints Church.
- More information about the dates and format of these sessions will be provided in due course.



# Your new teacher is ...

Hello, my name is Mrs Lawson.  
I am really looking forward to  
being your teacher in Year 6.

I am scared of horror  
films.  
My favourite group is  
Take That.

I love teaching and creating fun  
lessons.  
I have a dog called Archie and a  
cat called Thomas who  
belonged to Miss Brissett  
before she moved away.

In Year 6 I am going to need  
help with keeping the  
classroom running effectively  
and efficiently.



My Favourite colour is blue.  
A little known fact about me is I  
used to work at Hagley High  
School before I came to St  
Joseph's.  
I do enjoy everyday but my  
favourite day is Friday 😊

And Finally ...



Year 6 is a wonderful, busy year, full of fantastic opportunities for your child. I cannot wait to welcome your child back to St Joseph's in September and be their teacher. We will have a fun filled, action packed year. I hope you all have a safe summer and I look forward to seeing you and your child next term. If you have any further questions please contact me at school 😊



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# Any Questions?



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