



# Parents' Transition Information

## July 2021

Welcome to Year 4

# Welcome



The aim of this short PowerPoint is to provide you a guide to the expectations in Year 4 so that your child is fully prepared to start in September.

Mr. Tipper

# Your new teacher is Mr. Tipper

I live in Wall Heath with my wife and son, Alex. He is 5 years old and obsessed with trains!

I am a huge fan of Manchester United. Pre-Covid, I had a season ticket up Old Trafford. The photo below is when I met Gary Neville in Manchester. (I'm on the left 😊)



I love football, running, playing the guitar (badly) and travelling to new places and experiencing different cultures.

I enjoy spending time with my family and friends. I am still best friends with the same people I grew up with in Wall Heath.

I am an incredibly calm teacher. I always reassure the children I teach that they will never hear me shout. It is ineffective and I prefer to teach with compassion and empathy. That said, I am firm but fair with instructions and set extremely high expectations of myself and my pupils.

In Year 4, I am looking forward to welcoming you all into your new class and encouraging and supporting you all to do your very best!

I have taught in primary schools for ten years now. I am currently studying a Masters Degree in Teaching and Learning, and will be handing in my dissertation this September. I have always been passionate about education, and chose to study the degree to learn more about education in the past, present and future.

# 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 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)**
- 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

- Swimming Lessons

The children will attend swimming lessons for one term this year. More details are to follow.

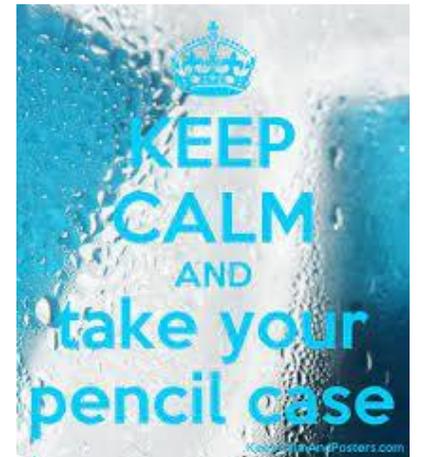
- Year 4 Times Table Check

At the end of Year 4, children will take part in the national times table check. Therefore they need to know all tables up to 12 x 12, in and out of order.

## Pencil case:

- Please could your child bring a **pencil case to school in September:**
- It would be great if you could provide the following items:  
Pencil, blue handwriting pen, ruler, rubber, sharpener, glue stick

Extra optional items: Whiteboard pen, purple pen, pencil crayon pack, highlighter



# Ways to prepare your child for Year 4:

- Practise times tables with them.

Useful websites include:

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button>

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/daily10>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/supermovers/times-table-collection/z4vv6v4>

- Read with them and encourage them to explore different books.



# Any Questions?



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