



Year 6 Update

19th January 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

We wanted to thank all Year 6 parents and carers for your work in supporting your child's education during this Lockdown. We have had some very positive feedback about the remote learning package we now have in place and parents are commenting on the benefits to their child of this level of direct teaching.

We don't know as yet how long this Lockdown will go on but, even if schools do return after the February half-term, pupils will have been away for another long period of time and the impact of this on our Year 6s is potentially particularly concerning.

We want each of our Year 6 pupils to leave here fully able to access their secondary curriculum in September. Unlike in other year groups, there won't be the same opportunity for catch up and re-learning once pupils enter Year 7 at whatever secondary school they are going to. The secondary curriculum is a step up from primary and, combined with starting in a new school as the youngest pupils, beginning Year 7 can be particularly hard for children who then struggle with the transition. It is well-known that children who fall further behind in Year 7 find it much harder to catch up later in their secondary education.

We will be doing everything we can to prepare them for the move to secondary and we very much hope that full transition days will be able to go ahead this summer as normal. The cancellation of SATS, however, does mean that secondary schools will have less information available to them about pupils' levels of learning. We will be providing written guidance on each of our Year 6 pupils to their secondary school but it is incredibly important that we do all we can to help prepare the children for Year 7 now.

We will be continuing a full curriculum until the end of the summer term either in school or remotely but we need your support to make sure that every pupil works harder than ever and focuses on all their lessons so that they can complete their primary education well-placed to begin Year 7. This means them attending every lesson every day so they are as well prepared for secondary school as possible.

We understand that some parents may struggle to find time to support children across a variety of ages and all, of course, are very important. But, it is particularly vital that everything is done to keep motivating Year 6 pupils, engage with their learning and ensure they are focused on every lesson.

We know that every parent wants to do the right thing for their child so please do contact us if there is any additional advice we can give you on best to encourage your child's learning.

Thank you for your support.

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