Welcome to Year 6

Meet and Greet

Ward End Primary School

September 2020
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<td>Year Group Leader and 6CF teacher – Mrs Fennell</td>
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<td>Learning Mentor – Miss Coyne</td>
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<td>Class teacher 6NA – Mrs Bawany (also known as Mrs Ashraf)</td>
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Transition Days

Your child will be invited to attend school on ONE of the following days:
• Monday 13\textsuperscript{th} July
• Tuesday 14\textsuperscript{th} July
• Wednesday 15\textsuperscript{th} July

The school day will start at 9am and finish at 3pm. This will be a good opportunity for your child to meet their new class teacher and work in their new classroom. More information about the transition days can be found on the school website.
Transition Days

During COVID 19 - the Year 6 corridors and classrooms are different. As a school we have introduced measures to support social distancing.

Smaller groups will be invited to school and pupils will sit at their own desks with their own equipment.
Times of the day:

8.30: School gates open
8.35: School bell and lining up
8.40: Registration
12.45 ~ 1.40: Dinnertime
3.30: Home time (12.15pm on Fridays)

Please note this may be subject to change depending on the situation with COVID-19.
Child Collection at the end of the Day

• At the end of the day you will need to collect your child from the area in the playground labelled with your child’s class at 3:30pm (12:15pm on Fridays).
• Please stand back from the area until the classes have assembled.
• Please do not take your child without telling the class teacher.
• If another adult needs to collect your child please tell the teacher in the morning or call the office to inform them.
• After 3:40pm your child will be taken down into the year 5/6 AHT room.
Uniform:
Ward End School has a uniform and all of our children are expected to wear it.
Our uniform consists of the following items:

😊 Grey or black jumper/cardigan/sweatshirt
😊 White shirt/ blouse OR white or yellow polo shirt
😊 Grey or black trousers/skirt/pinafore dress/shalwar kamiz
😊 Safe school shoes (low heels, no flip flops)
😊 Yellow and white checked or striped summer dress

Wearing uniform helps children to belong to our school.

Please remember to name all items of clothing your child wears to school.

Indoor PE kit is:
😊 Shorts/leggings (must be tight fitting)
😊 T shirt
😊 Indoor pumps (not trainers)

Outdoor PE kit is:
😊 A warmer top, jogging bottoms and trainers.

If children cannot take part in PE due to medical reasons, they need to bring a signed note.

As the children in year six are getting older, they need to be reminded to wash regularly and ensure their school uniform is washed on a regular basis.
Money in school.

School dinners should be paid for using Parent Pay
All other money (snack and trip) needs to be sent in an envelope, on a **Monday morning**, clearly marked with your child's **name, class, date** and what the money is for.

Exact money only.

**Dinner £2.40 a day and £9.60 per week (4 days)**
If children are part of after school club on Fridays, then it will be **£12.00**

**Snack**
**£1.80** for Milk and fruit
**£1.10** for Milk
**70p** for Fruit

Packs of envelopes can be bought from the front office for **£1.00**
Please ensure dinner, snack and trip money are put in separate envelopes.
Breakfast club

This is available for children each day in which they can come in at 8am, have breakfast and share games. This is a lovely way to start the day for further details, see Mrs Hetherington at the front office. The cost of this is £1 per day.

After school clubs

Clubs are available for all children during the week.

They are run from 3.30 till 4.30.

Letters will be sent out informing you of the various clubs and if your child wants to attend they will need parental consent.

In year 6, certain children may be selected to take part in maths and English afterschool booster clubs. If your child is selected, we strongly recommend that they attend.
Medication

If your child is diagnosed with asthma, allergy or any other long term illness during the holiday please bring their medication and a doctors letter to the office so that it can be logged. Please check the expiry date on the medication before you bring it into school to ensure the medication is in date.

We understand that children can require medication on a short term basis. This MUST be taken to the office and not given to the Teacher or Teaching Assistant.

For health and safety reasons - if your child's medication is not in school, we may have to send them home until the medication is available.
Health and Routines

• Research has shown that children between the ages of 6-13 need a minimum of 9 or as much as 13 hours sleep.
• It is important to get children into a good bedtime routine.
• Breakfast is the most important meal of the day. Avoid overly sugary foods and fizzy drinks.
• In order for children to perform to the best of their ability in school and during exam weeks, please ensure children are having a good night’s sleep and are eating a nutritious breakfast.
Behaviour policy

At Ward End we follow rules, to guide our behaviour.

When children keep the rules they will:

😊 Be praised
😊 Have rewards (stickers, certificates and class points)
😊 Be chosen as ‘Star of the day’ or the ‘Golden Child’
😊 Have class counters in a jar to build up to whole class rewards
😊 Have privilege time

If children don’t follow the Golden Rules then then they will:

😊 Be spoken to about what they are doing wrong
😊 Miss part of their playtime
😊 Be sent to another class or teacher
😊 Be sent to the Assistant Head Teacher, Deputy Head Teacher or Head Teacher

If a child is consistently not following the school and class charter rules, they will be put onto a target card system which is:

Green card - Class Teacher monitored
Orange card - Assistant Head Teacher / Year Group Leader monitored
Red card - Assistant Head Teacher / Deputy Head teacher monitored.
Attendance & Sickness

It is very important that your child attends school everyday, on time. Please ensure appointments are made out of school time. If for any reason your child is going to be absent please telephone or send a letter to let us know.

Punctuality – It is very important that children in year 6 come to school on time as interventions and groups start promptly.

Child Protection

The governing body has adopted Birmingham LEA policy on Child Protection. Any child who discloses information concerning their safety, may be referred to Social Care and Health to ensure their protection.

All school schools must have a named person to monitor child protection.

In our school this person is Mrs Rose as the lead DSL. All Assistant Head Teachers and the Family Support Workers are also DSL trained.
Homework

Year 6 children are expected to complete: English and maths homework at least once a week. As well as this they will be required to learn their multiplication tables and spellings.

We would be very grateful if you could encourage your child to read their home-reader book everyday, learn their multiplication tables and do their homework.

As well as paper based homework, children may also receive online work. Programmes such as: Mathletics, My Maths, Spellodrome and Lexia are available for your children to do work from at home. Your child will be sent home with a login and password for these programmes. If your child does not have access to a computer or tablet at home, they will need to see the class teacher about arranging times during the school day to access their online homework.
Year 6 SATs Preparation

• Children will be regularly tested to prepare them for the SATs tests which are due to take place in May 2020.

• Children will take tests in maths and English between Monday 10\textsuperscript{th} May and Thursday 13\textsuperscript{th} May 2021.
Secondary Schools

• Applications for secondary schools will need to be made before 31\textsuperscript{st} October 2020.

• We will give you more information about how to apply in September, when the children are back at school.

• In the meantime, please have a think about which secondary schools you may like your child to attend. You may want to look at the secondary school websites and attend open days to help with your decision.
Rights Respecting School

We have achieved the Gold Rights Respecting Schools Award
This means we are linking our rules and lessons to the UNICEF convention for the rights of a child. The children will be learning about the articles of this convention and the rights of all children around the world.

You can find out more about this by visiting: http://unicef.org.uk/rights-respecting-schools/
We work together in partnership for the good of all children.

If, as a parent you are unsure or unhappy about anything, do come and speak to us, don’t sit and home and worry!

Thank you and we look forward to working in partnership with you. 😊