



Parents' Transition Information

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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. I can't wait to meet them all and be their teacher next academic year!

Miss Lawson

Your new teacher is ...

Hello, my name is Miss 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 😊

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 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.

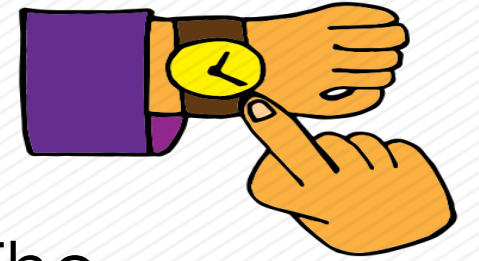
- **Reading should be completed every night (recommended 10 minutes) and recorded in their reading record. Children can record the name of the book and pages read themselves or an adult can do it.**
- **Times tables should be learnt by heart (by the end of Year 4, children should know ALL times tables 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



- 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.
- 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.**





- 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 during the school year



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 next term.



Things you can do to prepare for Year 6:

Practice your times tables!! You need them for nearly **every** Maths topic in Year 6. 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/1-6-times-tables-collection)



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**.

Equipment



In year 6, 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 6, they don't need to be the school pens or fountain pens.

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 us at school 😊



Miss Lawson

Any Questions?



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