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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Year 6! I hope that you enjoyed a restful and relaxing break. I am looking forward to getting to know you and Kite Class.

I hope that this letter provides you with clear information about our expectations for your child as they move into Year 6.

Class Organisation

Kite Class will be taught by Mrs Egan. On Wednesday mornings, Mrs Connolly will teach French. On Thursday afternoons, Kite Class will receive specialist teaching in Computing from Mrs Bowen and in PE from Premier Sport. Throughout the week, we will also be supported in the classroom by Mrs K Smith, Mrs Taylor, Mrs Burling and Mrs Galbraith.

School Timings

It is hugely important that the children are in school each day, on time and ready for learning. Our cloakroom door will be open from 8.45 am, when an adult from Kite Class will welcome the children. The cloakroom door will close at 8.55 am so that the register can be completed by 9.00 am. Children who arrive at school after this time will be marked as late and will need to enter via the school office. The school day finishes at 3.15 pm. Should you need to speak to us or pass on a message, we are available at these times. Longer conversations can be arranged for a mutually convenient date. If you are unable to speak to us in person, you may contact us by emailing the school office, and we will respond as promptly as we can.

Curriculum

Shortly, we will send you a curriculum overview for the autumn term. Where possible, we make cross-curricular links between subjects to enhance and support learning.

PE

Kite Class will have outdoor PE on Thursday afternoons with Premier Sport. While the weather remains warm, we will swim on Wednesday afternoons instead of having indoor PE on Fridays. I will let you know when our Friday

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indoor PE lessons will resume. Children will need to bring suitable swimwear, a towel and goggles (if desired) for each swimming lesson.

Every child should keep their named PE kit in school in a named bag. Their kit should consist of:

- black or navy shorts;
- a blue T-shirt or polo shirt;
- a pair of socks (in addition to the socks or tights worn to school);
- trainers;
- tracksuit bottoms and a warm top or jumper for outdoor sports.

Long hair should be tied back for PE lessons. Although stud earrings are allowed in school, they must be removed for PE. Earrings should either be removed before school or children must be able to remove and replace them independently. For health and safety reasons, and in line with local authority advice, children are not permitted to cover their earrings with tape. Staff are also unable to put earrings back in for a child.

Reading

Kite Class will work hard to improve their reading this term. We will read a high-quality class text regularly and complete related reading activities. This term, we will choose our class text by vote and will let you know as soon as it has been decided.

It is also vitally important that your child reads regularly, both at home and at school. To support this, your child will bring home a banded reading book and a reading diary.

Children will begin the year with a banded book at the level at which they finished Year 5. Please ensure that your child's banded reading book and reading diary are in school every day. We will change banded books on Mondays and Fridays, if needed. If these items are not in school, we will be unable to send home a new book. Children should read or be read to for 10 minutes each evening.

We will also use the library to choose a book to read for pleasure. Our allocated library slot is on Tuesday afternoons.

Times Tables

As children progress through Upper Key Stage 2, it is important that they continue to rehearse their multiplication facts.

Children will have dedicated time in the classroom to practise their times tables and may be given a homework task to support their learning. Each child will also have a Times Tables Rock Stars (TTRS) login to access this online multiplication resource at home and at school. Your child's TTRS login

and password will be recorded in their reading diary and on the inside cover of their orange homework book.

Homework

Each child will receive an orange homework book in which to complete their homework.

Homework will consist of a maths task, a spelling task and a grammar task. These will all be linked to current learning in school. Each week, there will be a spelling focus based on the rule we are learning.

Homework will be **set on Thursdays** and should be **returned by the following Wednesday**. If your child finds anything tricky, we ask that they speak to their class teacher before the hand-in date so that we can help them complete it on time. This will support their growing independence as they prepare for secondary school.

Lunch, Water Bottles and Snacks

Children will choose their lunch in the morning, and this will be recorded by the class teacher during morning registration. If you are sending in a packed lunch, please take a look at the NHS advice, which contains lots of healthy lunch ideas: <https://www.nhs.uk/healthier-families/recipes/healthier-lunchboxes/>. Please do not provide any food containing nuts.

Please provide your child with a fruit or vegetable snack to eat at morning break if they are hungry. Your child will also need a named water bottle in school.

Medication

Please ensure that the school is informed of any changes to your child's medical needs. If your child has an asthma inhaler, it must be clearly named, in date and in its original packaging so that we can store it in the classroom. Any medicine required by your child should be handed to the school office in its original packaging, with clear dosage instructions.

Classroom Resources

The children will be provided with all the resources they need in the classroom, so they do not need to bring their own pencil case. We also ask that children do not bring small toys, charms or fidget toys into school unless an agreement is in place. These items can easily be lost and may be distracting in the classroom.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to speak to me or another member of the Year 6 team.

Kind regards,

Mrs Egan and the Year 6 team