

## Developing Expectations and Greater Responsibility

- Children are encouraged to take greater responsibility for their work and possessions in Years 3-6. In Year 6 they will have the opportunity to take on responsibilities such as House Captains and Subject Ambassadors which build self-confidence, independence and a sense of responsibility.
- **Homework** -Children are required to do weekly Maths and English homework in Key Stage 2: we set the amount required, bearing in mind government recommendations. Your child's class teacher will inform you about the amounts required at the beginning of each term.
- **Personal possessions**-Children are solely responsible for looking after their own belongings and all items must therefore be clearly labelled. Items with no clear name are put in the Lost Property box in the hall.
- **Letters**-These are sent via School Gateway. Paper copies are available from the stand in the Foyer. Please send all notes/dinner money etc to the class teacher via your child or post in a named envelope via the post box by the main entrance.

## Monitoring Progress



Teachers continually assess and review children's progress throughout the school year via a range of means.

Children have termly meetings with their class teacher to discuss their next steps in learning and are encouraged to take more personal responsibility to achieve these. Parents are kept informed of progress via parents' consultations and reports.

If you have any further queries, please make an appointment to see your child's teacher who will be happy to help you.

We hope that your child will have a happy and successful time in Key Stage 2.

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## A GUIDE FOR PARENTS OF CHILDREN IN KEY STAGE 2

# Introduction to Key Stage 2

The aim of producing this guide is to assist you in understanding some of the changes in routine that both you and your child will experience as they start in KS 2. We hope that by reading this you will feel more prepared and reassured. As you will see from the guide, there is a balance of consistency from KS1 but, with new opportunities, we seek to foster independence, self-organisation and personal initiative.

## ***What will remain the same?***

- **Behaviour Policy**
- **Book bags**-your child is still expected to use a book bag as this protects reading books, homework and any correspondence between home and school.
- **PE kit** - children need this in school every day. They may be required to participate in PE on days other than those when PE has been timetabled.
- **School Uniform** - the children's school uniform remains the same and they are expected to dress smartly wearing black shoes indoors. Please ensure that all items of uniform or kit remain clearly named throughout the year.

## ***What differences will there be?***

There are some slight differences in the daily routine of KS2.

- **Independence in the morning**- children are expected to be on the KS2 play ground **without** their parents/carers from 8.40 am when the first bell is rung to indicate that staff are present.
- **Lunchtime** - KS2 lunchtime begins at 12.15pm. Classes go into the dining room following a rota.
- **Playtimes** - KS1 and KS2 playtimes are in separate playgrounds, allowing the children sufficient space.
- **Snack** - KS2 classes do not have milk or fruit provided in school, but milk can be ordered. The children should bring a water bottle each day into their classroom and may bring in a healthy snack to eat at break time, such as a piece of fruit ( NB not a fruit-tasting sweet and **no products containing nuts**).
- **Equipment**- Children should bring a small pencil case containing a blue and black pen, a purple pen, a pencil, a rubber, a ruler, a pencil sharpener, a white-board pen and a glue stick. Children will be given their first handwriting pen when they earn their pen licence in Year 3. Thereafter, pens can be purchased from the School Office. We would also like each child to bring a pocket sized dictionary to school to help them when writing independently.

- **Library**-Your child is responsible for changing their Library book and may do so at lunchtimes every day.

## ***What further opportunities are open to my child during their time in KS2?***

**School clubs** - Over the year your child will have the opportunity to participate in a range of clubs at lunchtimes and after school.

**PGL School Journey**-In Year 6 your child will be encouraged to participate in the residential trip which takes place over five days, usually in the Autumn term.

**Swimming**-Please note that children in Years 3 will attend swimming lessons as part of the National Curriculum for P.E. All children are expected to leave primary school with a minimum of a 25m certificate, but opportunities are given to extend children well beyond this. Parents are asked to make a voluntary contribution towards the costs of swimming lessons and travel.