



Upper Key Stage 2 Transition Booklet

Welcome to Year 5/6. To those of you whose children are starting Year 5, there are a few things that will be new to your children, and to those returning to us, I hope that a lot of this will sound familiar!

USK2 staff



**Mrs Adlam
(Phase lead)**



Mrs Avery



Mrs Dee



Mr Brabin



Miss Wiltshire



Mrs Allbon



Mrs Rawson



Mrs Gesner



Jayne Nash



Mrs Cockman

Staffing

Our 5/6 team this year includes teachers and teaching assistants with a wide range of experiences and specialisms. Mr Brabin and Mrs Adlam will be teaching full time; Mrs Avery and Mrs Dee will be job sharing with Mrs Avery working Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays and Mrs Dee working Thursdays and Fridays. Mrs Nash will be teaching maths to the children in the mornings.

We are pleased that Mrs Turner, Miss Fabia (from term 3) and Miss Lloyd will also be teaching in our classrooms to provide cover when we have planning time. Mrs Allbon, Mrs Rawson, Mrs Gesner, Miss Wiltshire and Mrs Cockman will be supporting all the children across the team throughout the course of the year.

Communication

Should a parent wish to speak to their child's class teacher, an appointment should be made via the school office. Please can we remind you that the beginning of the day is a busy time so this would not be convenient. Alternatively, you can send an email to the school office, which will be forwarded on to the class teacher. A curriculum letter will be sent out to parents at the beginning of each big term outlining areas of the curriculum that the children will be covering. This will also include additional information about trips, visits and dates for the diary.

Mornings

The school day starts at 08:40. The children should arrive promptly and go straight to the back playground behind the new building where there will be an adult on duty. Once the whistle has been blown at 08:40, the children should line up in their classes and wait to be taken in by the teacher. Ideally, Upper Key Stage children should come onto school grounds independently - we believe that this is good practice as they are growing older.

End of the Day

The school day ends at 15:20. The children will leave via rear block exit then out of the Rainbow Gate. If your child is not collected by 15:30, they will need to come back to the classroom and then their teacher will take them to the office to check the arrangements and make phone calls to organise collection.

Break times

Key Stage 2 playtime is from 10:20 until 10:40. We promote healthy eating, so we only allow healthy snacks at break time. This can take the form of fresh fruit or vegetables - preferably no packaging. There are food bins available at break times so the children can dispose of any cores or peelings.

Lunchtimes

Lunchtime is from 12:30 – 1.30. The children will eat their lunch in the hall.

School Equipment & Kit

All stationery will be provided by school. No pencil cases or other equipment from home should be brought in. Additional belongings such as water bottle, lunch, snack etc should be brought to school in a bag/rucksack and this, along with a coat, should be stored in the class cloakroom.

It would be useful for the children to have a book that they are reading in school on a daily basis. The children will also be given the opportunity to borrow books from the school or classroom library.

Parents should ensure that children have the correct school uniform as follows:

- *Black or grey trousers / shorts / pinafore / skirt*
- *A white polo top / shirt*
- *A Cholsey / maroon jumper or cardigan (no hoodies or fleeces please)*
- *Foot wear is either trainers or school shoes (trainers can also act as their PE trainers)*

The children should not wear make-up, nail varnish or jewellery (except a watch and stud earrings).

PE

Each class will have PE twice a week – *dates to be sorted by the first week back*. We ask that the children arrive to school wearing their PE kit on their PE day please and they will remain in their kit for the day.

PE kit consists of:

- *A white or house coloured t-shirt*
- *Black or navy shorts / joggers*
- *A school rugby top (available from 'Make It Mine')*. Please note, for health and safety reasons, hoodies or hooded tops are not appropriate.
- *Trainers (converse and walking boots are not advisable)*

Swimming

We are hoping to be able to offer swimming lessons to all children in Key Stage 2 next academic year and will be in touch with details as soon as we are able to confirm them.

Mobile phones

If children need to bring a mobile phone to school, they will be required to turn their phone off and hand it in to the school office where it will be locked away. The children can collect their phone at the end of the day and only turn it back on when they have left the school grounds.

Home Learning

Home learning is not compulsory. However, we do provide topic-based project opportunities and any details of these will be included in the termly curriculum letters. Parents and pupils should familiarise themselves with the Home Learning page on the school website. The children also have a log in for Times Table Rock Stars which they can access at home. During the autumn term, Year 6 pupils will be provided with SATs revision books and a schedule to follow. This is not compulsory, but we do strongly recommend completing these. We would also encourage children to read for pleasure as much as possible. We allow children in Key Stage 2 to choose their own reading books, however, we will always ensure that each child has chosen a book with a suitable level of challenge. We expect all children to be reading independently or to an adult for at least 20 minutes 4 times a week.

Responsibilities

In UKS2 the children will have many opportunities to take on additional responsibilities e.g. librarians, reading buddies, setting up for assemblies, house captains and school council. We would actively encourage children to sign up for these opportunities and fulfil these roles when required to do so. We are very pleased that the Year 6 children will have the opportunity to partake in Bikeability if they wish to in the Spring term. We would encourage all children to take part but they will need to have an appropriate road worthy bicycle and the correct safety equipment. We will be in touch nearer the time with more details.

Medication

Any regular medication that needs to be taken during the school day should be given to the class teacher. This will be kept in the classroom. For Asthma inhalers, please make sure that they are in school, and they are in date. If inhalers are used during the school day the date, time and number of puffs will be recorded. Should your child need a short course of prescribed medication, this will be administered by the school office (and medication should be handed in there). You will need to complete a medical form at the office for any medication which needs to be kept at school.

We look forward to welcoming your child into Upper Key Stage 2 and hope they enjoy their final years of their primary education.

Regards,
Upper Key Stage 2 team.