



Parents' Transition Information

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Welcome to Year 5

Welcome



The aim of this short PowerPoint is to provide you a guide to the expectations in Year 5 so that your child is fully prepared to start in September.

Mrs Hickman

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 six week 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 and recorded in their reading record.**
- **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)**
- **Spellings should be learnt every week.**
- 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).

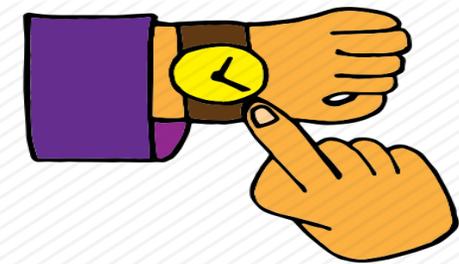
Additional Information



Sometimes when children enter year 5, they will notice a jump in curriculum expectations. The reason for this is that the National Curriculum is set out in phases – Years 3/4 (Lower KS2) and Years 5/6 (Upper KS2).

Skills introduced in year 3 are consolidated in year 4 and the same with years 5 and 6- introduced in 5 and consolidated in 6.

We will obviously support children throughout their entire educational journey but we have found that in the first few weeks of year 5, some children might say it is “hard” or “different”. Please reassure them that it is normal to feel this way and they will be as brilliant as always. It just takes a little getting used to! 😊



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 or support groups are missed.

Residential – Year 5 tend to go on a residential. This usually takes place in the Summer Term for 3 days and 2 nights. However, more information to follow in light of the current circumstances.

Behaviour – We use the school “Traffic Light System”. Children start their day in **Green**, get moved to **Amber** for a warning and if a child is placed in **Red**, they will receive a sanction. This is usually a few minutes off play/lunch, writing lines and/or reflection sheets. We call the missed play “detention” to prepare them for Year 6 and for Secondary School.

Equipment



In year 5, we ask children to take responsibility for ALL their own equipment. Below is the list we usually send out but we will let you know if children are still allowed to bring their own things from home, due to current arrangements around COVID-19.

You will need:

- Blue pens*
- Pencils
- Rubbers
- Pencil sharpener
- Ruler
- A manageable sized pencil case to put them in!
- Water bottle

Optional:(it's handy to have your own!)

Dry wipe markers for whiteboard work
Green highlighter
Glue stick
Purple pens for editing

* Blue biro's are fine, they don't need to be the school pens or fountain pens. All children can write with a biro from September but if their handwriting is not legible or presentable, they will be asked to revert back to a pencil until it is.

Your new teacher is Mrs Hickman

Hello, my name is Mrs Hickman. I have been at St. Joseph's since September 2015 but you will be my twelfth ever class!

I am scared of spiders! Yuk! Oh and wasps.

My favourite food is chocolate and crisps.

I love my family, chocolate, art and crafts (but I'm not very good at it!), sunny days in Summer and stomping on crunchy leaves in the Autumn

I have a pet cat called Amber. She is a ginger and white, striped cat. We adopted her in lockdown!

In Year 5 I am going to need help with you all being independent and looking after all of your belongings.

I am from Ireland and my hometown is called Carlow in the South East of the Republic of Ireland.



My Favourite colour is purple.

A little known fact about me is that I have two brothers. One older, one younger – I'm the only girl!

I do enjoy everyday but my favourite day is Sunday because it's family time

I love going back to Ireland to see my mam and dad.

And Finally ...



Year 5 is going to be a great year. I can't wait to welcome you all back to St Joseph's in September and start our learning journey together. I know there are lots of things to remember and it will be very busy, full of new learning, but we will have lots of fun and laughs along the way!

I hope you all have a happy, safe summer and I look forward to seeing you and your child next term. If you have any further questions, please contact me through the school info@st-jost.dudley.sch.uk email address! ☺

Mrs. Hickman

Any Questions?



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