



# Scotforth St Paul's C of E Primary & Nursery School

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Dear Year 5 Parents,

We would like to welcome your son or daughter into Year 5. Clearly this year will be very different to any we have known in school but we will be doing our utmost to make sure your child feels safe, secure and valued in our school community. We hope that he or she will enjoy the year, work hard to develop their knowledge and skills, and grow as an individual. Much of our focus this term will be on their emotional health and welfare as they return to school after so long.

Year 5 will be taught by Mrs Redmayne on Monday, Tuesday and Mrs Dowson will teach the class on Thursday and Friday. Both teachers will be in class on a Wednesday. Miss Kierzek will provide in class support every morning and all day on a Friday.

On a Wednesday, the class will be developing their hockey skills in PE. This lesson will be outdoors whenever possible. Year 5 will also be monitoring and developing their fitness through circuits and aerobic activities on a Thursday. Please ensure that both outdoor and indoor P.E. kits are always in school. At the end of each half term, both kits will be sent home to wash.

We expect the children to read at home daily and to record this, themselves in their reading record. Reading records will be kept at home and only collected once every half term to minimise the spread of infection. Reading, whether fiction or non-fiction, helps tremendously with their schoolwork and general progress in the classroom. A home reading book will be provided by school, but these books must remain at home until completed, when, they can be returned and quarantined. We are happy for free readers to use their own reading materials at home if they prefer, including comics and magazines that they are interested in. Whatever they read should be challenging for the individual child and help them to widen their vocabulary. There will be a recommended Year 5 reading list in your child's reading record. At home, your child should continue to practise times tables as a good working knowledge will help them immensely with the maths curriculum. The children will, at times, be given guided reading homework. They will also have a spelling list to work on at home throughout the term.

Throughout the year the pupils will be encouraged to do their best in every aspect of school life. They will be expected to take increasing responsibility for their own actions both in the classroom and out in the playground. Early this term, they will be given a Reception child to support and we are hoping that they will be able to spend time together if restrictions are lifted.

We are looking forward to teaching Year 5 and we hope it will prove a most successful year with every individual making good progress academically, physically, emotionally and socially. We know that the children will be experiencing many different feelings at this time, and some may find the return to school challenging, so please do not hesitate to contact us through email with any concerns you have.

Yours sincerely,

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