



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

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Dear Year 6 Parents,

A very warm welcome back to school and to Year 6. It is a real pleasure for me to have the chance to teach this super class again and it has been lovely to catch up with them all this week.

Year 6 is a pivotal year for the children and usually involves a lot of extra responsibilities and opportunities. Despite the limitations of the many Covid-19 precautions we have in place, we will be doing our best to make this a special year for the children.

Many aspects of our curriculum this term will be adjusted to take into account the learning needs of the children and changes needed to ensure we are Covid secure\*. Our first priority is to ensure the children feel happy and safe to be back in school, therefore this will be our focus in the first couple of weeks.

Much of the Year 6 experience is designed to help prepare the children for their transition to high school. The first of these is the introduction of their Primary Activity Logbook (PAL). In it, the children record important diary dates, keep track of their spellings, reading and any homework which is issued. Their PAL should be taken home each day and returned to school to help them develop their personal organisation. This is the only item (other than lunch boxes and water bottles) which should be transferred between home and school daily and will not be handled by school staff, to minimise the risk of any cross-contamination.

Spellings, initially to be based on the KS2 spelling list, will be given out on a Friday to be practised and tested the following Friday. This format will alter as the year progresses. It is really important for children to be secure with their times tables, as so much maths in Y6 is based upon them, so they need to continue practising these regularly at home (I would recommend "Hit the Button" as an effective free website to use if your child is more motivated by using technology). Arithmetic or Tables Trails will be tested weekly in class.

The children will be given time to read regularly in school and should be encouraged to do so at home too. The Year 6 Recommended Reading List (stuck inside the PAL) gives lots of ideas for texts which are age appropriate. Children will be provided with a yellow reading record to take home and may choose either a book from home or from school to read exclusively at home. Their reading record should remain at home and be filled in at least 4 times a week. We will collect in reading records at half term to review them. Please continue to support your child with their reading, particularly through discussion, even though many are now generally competent readers.





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On completion of a book borrowed from school, it should be brought back and will be kept in quarantine for 3 days before being returned to the shelves. The children will also be reading in school, but this book will remain in school. They will use the reading record section in their PAL to record these books.

Please ensure you send your child's PE kit into school as soon as possible if you have not already done so. It should remain in school until half term and should be fully labelled. School swimming lessons will not be happening for the moment - we await advice from the University pool.

This year, Year 6 will take their SATs tests during the week beginning 10th May 2021 (according to current government information).

Finally, could I remind you that children who are walking home need written parental permission to do so. If this is something you are considering for your child, you can find the permission form on the school website ( <https://scotforth-st-pauls.lancs.sch.uk/parents/current-letters> )

Miss Flynn and I are very much looking forward to working with your child during the coming term. Please don't hesitate to contact us if you have any concerns or questions.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Huddleston

\*Classroom doors and windows will have to remain fully open during the day, whatever the weather, to ensure appropriate ventilation is maintained. As the weather becomes colder, the children may need to wear an extra layer under their uniform.

