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Dear Parents and Carers

As a school, we are working to make our communication **clear, simple and easy to read**.

This is to support families who have **English as an additional language**, as well as busy families who need to quickly understand the key information.

We hope this helps ensure that **important messages are not missed**.

I am writing to share some important information about **Year 6** for next year.

We want to work closely with you to support your child's learning, confidence and wellbeing.

PE (Physical Education)

- Children should **wear their PE kit to school on PE days**
- This saves time getting changed and gives children **more time for PE lessons**
- The class teacher will tell you in September **which days are PE days**

For indoor PE:

- Children can wear **PE shorts**
- In winter, they can wear **tracksuit bottoms over their shorts**

Mobile Phones and Smartwatches

- Our school is a **smartphone-free school**.
 - This means that **smartphones and smartwatches are not allowed on site**.
 - This helps us to support children's **focus, safety and wellbeing during the school day**.
 - If your child needs a way to contact you, please see our website for **further information and suggested alternatives**
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Travelling to and from school

Children in Year 6 are allowed to walk to and from school on their own (as some of you have already been doing in Year 5).

Please complete the form on Parentmail regarding how your child will get to and from school in September. Although some of you may have completed this form in Year 5, we would ask for it to be completed again so we have the most up to date information on our records.

Snacks and food

- You can send your child with a **morning snack**

The snack must be:

- **Fruit or fruit-based only**

Foods such as:

- Crisps
- Chocolate bars
- Sweets

are not allowed

This helps us to support **healthy eating for all children.**

Reading at home

Reading is still very important in Key Stage Two.

Even as children get older, it is helpful if:

- You **listen to your child read**, or
- You **read to your child**

Research shows that reading regularly:

- Improves learning in all subjects
 - Supports future success
 - Helps develop a love of reading
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Swimming (Year 4)

All children will go **swimming in Year 4** during the last half of the Summer Term.

The government expectation is that children should be able to **swim 25 metres**.
It can be difficult to achieve this in a short block of lessons.

Children who are not yet able to swim 25 metres will have:

- Another opportunity in **Year 5 and Year 6**

However, we are finding that more children are not yet able to swim this distance.

Swimming is an **important life skill**.

We kindly ask for your support to help your child learn to swim outside of school where possible.

The earlier children gain confidence in the water, the better this is for:

- Their safety
 - Their confidence
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Working together

As a school, we really value your support.

Research shows that when parents support learning at home, children can make **around 4 months of extra progress each year**.

By working together, we can help your child:

- Succeed in school
 - Grow in confidence
 - Enjoy learning
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Final message

Thank you for your continued support.
We look forward to working with you next year.

Kind regards

Miss Hughlock

Headteacher



