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Friday 1st September 2023

Welcome to our Year 6 Parents/Carers

This academic year will be the last year that your child spends with us at Norwood Primary School and it is one that will be packed full of learning, successes and enjoyment. It is an important year for the children both socially and academically and where children are successful it is through the school working in partnership, not only with the child, but the parents/carers too.

During this year, we will prepare your child for their End of Key Stage 2 Standard Assessment Tests (SATs), which will be taken during the week beginning Monday 13th May 2024. The children will have lots of opportunity to practice the skills needed for these assessments and we will ensure that the children are well supported throughout the process. As part of this, we will be offering parents/carers the opportunity to purchase SATs revision guides early on in the year – more information will follow.

This year is an important year in supporting your child so that they are ready for a smooth transition to Year 7. This process is much more than academic progress and attainment as there is a significant emphasis on personal growth. Throughout the year, children will be developing the learning behaviours, attitudes and skills to have a successful final year at Norwood and exciting transition to secondary education. Alongside this, your children will develop the emotional tools and values that will support their wellbeing. These will include: mutual respect, tolerance, resilience, self-motivation, independence, confidence, responsibility and maturity.

To support this, the children will have a raft of roles and responsibilities that they are expected to engage with in a sensible manner across the school. They will be expected to be the best role models that they can be to support our younger children, especially in their roles as Reception Buddies. As you will be aware from previous years, our behaviour expectations are high across school, but in Year 6 there is an additional expectation that children are able to develop the ability to self-regulate their own behaviours and take greater responsibility for their actions.

One of the aforementioned responsibilities, relates to the children being permitted (with parental consent) to walk to and from school independently. As part of this, the children are also permitted to bring mobile phones to school – these are handed into Year 6 upon arrival, safely locked in the school office, and returned just before home time. They must remain switched off for the whole of the time the children are on school site.

Historically, year on year, Year 6 is the year that issues around online behaviour, safety and social media become more prevalent. The children will be reminded of prior learning, and receive further teaching about keeping safe online, managing their digital footprint and taking responsibility for their online actions. Please impress upon your child that the minimum legal age for most social media sites in the UK is 13+ and that setting up groups and talking about peers within them is not permitted.

Children in Year 6 have many incredible opportunities: for new experiences; to overcome challenges; to make great accomplishments and achievements and to take a more active role in whole school events. All of which we will celebrate with the children and parents/carers alike and we cannot wait to see them successfully rise to the challenge.

We really are excited about this academic year and are looking forward welcoming your children back for what promises to be an enjoyable and memorable final year at Norwood Primary School.

Yours sincerely

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Year 6 Teacher

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Head Teacher

