



Welcome to Year 6



With Miss Mackie



Mrs Richardson, Miss Frew and Mrs Miller



Welcome

We are very excited to welcome your child into Year 6 following the very strange last few months. The school has worked hard to ensure that all the children can attend school in a safe way, including staggered starts and endings, staggered playtimes and lunch times and children remaining within their own class bubble. We understand that it may be quite strange not seeing children from other parts of the school but we will soon get used to how things may be a little different. Although we are keen to catch up on any lost learning, a large part of Term 1 will be focused on re-building relationships and maintaining a high level of well-being. The transition from Year 5 to Year 6 is carefully managed and we will all work together to ensure your child is fully supported. Whilst in Year 6, we will encourage children to be independent learners and persevere to reach their full potential.

Keeping our school great!

Everybody at Bishops Down believes in praising positive behaviour and hard work! Our behaviour system is consistent throughout the school so the children will know what to expect from one year to another.

Uniform

Children will begin school in September back in their full school uniform. All uniform including shoes must be clearly named. A named School Book Bag is all that is required for children to bring in with them. Children will need to keep their bags under their table, so small bags are preferable.

Term 1– Summer Uniform

Red logo polo shirt, blue logo V-neck sweatshirt, blue logo V-neck cardigan, navy blue school uniform shorts, red/white checked dress, white or navy blue socks, black or navy school shoes (no trainers, Vans or boots).

Children will be asked to wear their PE kit to school on days when PE will take place.

Year 6 PE Days- Tuesday and Friday

Where to go and at what time!

There is a staggered start in place at the school to enable entry to and exit from the site to be as safe as possible.

Year 6 start school at 9.10am and end at 3.40pm.

Please enter the school site via the left hand pavement of the school drive. From here go to the wooden gate and line up on the red lines 2metre apart from the other children. Miss Mackie will meet you at the entrance and walk you round to your classroom.



School Dinners

If your child has School Dinners in Key Stage 2, they will be provided with a hot 'box' meal. If you are providing a packed lunch for your child, please ensure the contents are healthy and comply with the school's healthy eating policy. Year 6 will be eating their lunch in the classroom before going outside for play. All children require a named bottle of water each day at school to stay hydrated and healthy. We recommend a fruit snack for break time.



Home Learning

Full home learning expectations will be communicated once children have begun to settle back into school. For now, we would like you to focus on reading with your child at home for at least 25 minutes a day, 5 of which should be out loud to an adult or experienced reader. Reading is a hugely important skill and it really helps when children have access to a wide variety of texts. Our aim as a school is to enable your child to enjoy reading for pleasure (whatever text type they may choose).

Curriculum

In Year 6 the children take part in KS2 SATs in Reading, Maths and SPaG. These are statutory tests that assess children's knowledge to see if they have met the required levels as set by the government. Throughout the year the children will be preparing for these. To ensure that the children feel confident with these, we do practice papers across the year and then go through each to ensure that children are familiar with the settings. There will be a SATs workshop in the autumn term with information on how best to support your child but if you wish to see examples of past KS2 papers please look on the government website

(<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/national-curriculum-assessments-practice-materials#key-stage-2-past-papers>).



Absence and Illness

Children should not attend school if unwell in any way, as the list of coronavirus symptoms has been extended. If they are showing any symptoms that could possibly be coronavirus, you will need to book a Covid-19 test online and abstain from school until you have received the result. On receipt of the test results, please inform the school who will guide you on next steps. Please inform the school office by telephone, leaving a message if necessary, if your child is not attending school that day.

If your child shows any symptoms of illness during the school day, they will be taken to the isolation room to be supervised by an adult in protective clothing. This of course may be unsettling for your child, so we will be calling you to collect as promptly as you can.