

### Throughout the year

Please continue to talk to your child about their daily experiences.

If there are any concerns at all, e.g. your child not wishing to come to school or claiming the work is too hard, don't panic! Reassure your child and speak to your child's teacher as soon as possible.

Most importantly we want all of the children to continue to develop a love of learning and a thirst for knowledge.

We look forward to a successful year ahead!

**Year 6 Staff contact details** (also available on the school website [www.goldingtongreenacademy.co.uk](http://www.goldingtongreenacademy.co.uk))

We have an 'Open Door' Policy at Goldington Green Academy. If your child's class teacher is unable to speak to you at the door or you would like to make an appointment to speak with them, please use the contact details below. We also encourage parents to contact class teachers via email where possible.

Staff	Telephone	Email
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Miss P. Coluccello (Elm Class Teacher and Year 5/Year 6 lead)	326335	<a href="mailto:pcoluccello@goldingtongreenacademy.co.uk">pcoluccello@goldingtongreenacademy.co.uk</a>

## Helping Your Child Move into Year 6



In addition to this booklet, there will be a meet the teacher opportunity held at 3-3.45pm on Tuesday 16th of July. This will be an opportunity for your child's new class teacher to further explain and share additional information about routines and procedures in school. Your child will also spend time with their new Class Teacher before starting Year 6. If you have any concerns or need advice, please do not hesitate to contact us by email.

### Routines

Children are able to come to school from 8.30 and there will be a safe designated space in school for them to wait until the beginning of lessons. Children are able to walk to school by themselves with parental written permission and bring in a mobile phone that will be locked away in class until the end of the day. The expectation of our Year 6 children is that they will be a positive role model at all times and show respect to others in school and around our community; including online community. Any failure to do so will have this privilege withdrawn and parents will be expected to drop off and collect their child each day. Alternatively, they can book our wrap around care; Honeysuckle Club.

Your child may bring a **fresh** piece of fruit or vegetable for break time. This should not be a wrapped bar or 'Fruit Winder' style snack. It is also very important that children bring a named water bottle to school every day. Your child can visit the Library at lunchtimes and will have the opportunity to withdraw books both from

here and from the book corners in the classrooms. They will be able to access a weekly session reserving books on Junior Librarian. In Year 6, children's library books can go home but if they are lost or damaged, a fee will be charged to replace the book.

### **Structure of the day**

As the children come into school they will undertake a learning task, as the register is completed. It is very important that children are on time each morning as if they are late they will miss this important aspect of their learning. The school day will usually follow this routine:

Morning	Afternoon
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Register 8.30am</li> <li>• Maths</li> <li>• Basic Maths Skills</li> <li>• Playtime at 10:00</li> <li>• GPS (Grammar, Punctuation, Spelling)</li> <li>• English</li> <li>• Lunchtime at 12:00pm</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Register</li> <li>• Assembly</li> <li>• Reading comprehension</li> <li>• Topic learning activities</li> <li>• Home time at 3.00pm</li> </ul>

Children are encouraged to use the toilet at playtime and lunchtime so their learning is not interrupted.

Year 6 have PE on **Wednesday afternoons** and will need to come into school in their PE kit (they will **not** change back into school uniform).

Your child is able to bring a pencil case; however, all resources will be available.

### **Homework**

The Government recommended time for homework is 1.5 hours per week for Year 6 children. Homework is set weekly and your child will receive CGP Book of GPS, Maths and Reading Comprehension. English, Maths and GPS tasks will be set every Friday and can be accessed via Google Classroom or they will be set a task in the SATs Buster CGP books. Supplementary resources will be provided on Google Classroom including learning videos and activities. If your child does not have internet access at home, computers will be available one lunchtime a week

for the children to complete their homework tasks. Your child will also receive a homework grid to be completed that term. In Year 6 we expect one activity from the homework grid to be completed every week. These can be completed as creatively as you wish! It is important that this is completed to a high standard to ensure that routines are in place and your child is ready for secondary school. If your child or you are unsure of any of the tasks, please speak to your child's class teacher before it is due in, who will be more than happy to help. If homework is not handed in on time, we will ask your child to complete it during their lunchtime. Weekly spellings will also be sent home for your child to practise daily. We will test your child's spellings on a Friday. The children will receive a Maths KIRF (Key Instant Recall Fact) sheet every half term to help them remember the key facts needed to make their maths calculations more efficient.

### **Reading with your child at home**

Children should be encouraged to read daily at home. We expect your child to read five times every week and we will check this on a Friday. In Year 6 we recognise that some children prefer to read to themselves. Therefore, records of reading can be written in the planner either by yourself or by your child. If your child has read to you at home please write a comment in their planner. If your child is ready to change their book they should do so themselves. Reading books and planners must be brought to school every day.

### **Clubs**

There will be variety of clubs available and these will be dependent on staff expertise and interests. Letters will be sent out regarding clubs at the beginning of each term.

### **Preparing for Year 6**

- ❖ Visit your local library and encourage your child to read books and magazines regularly at home.
- ❖ Encourage children to recall all the times tables up to 12, both in order and randomly.
- ❖ Continue to encourage your child to use a dictionary and continue to practise spellings.
- ❖ Reassure your child about the move into Year 6 – it is an exciting time!