

## Upper Key Stage 2 (Years 5 and 6)

**Uniform:** All children are expected to maintain high standards in their appearance. Therefore black shoes should be worn by all pupils, not trainers, even if they are black.

**Jewellery:** No jewellery should be worn except for small stud earrings and a watch. Before each PE session, children will be asked to remove all jewellery and glasses where appropriate and are responsible for looking after their own property. Therefore, children will be asked to store earrings, watches and glasses in their own trays during P.E lessons.

**Make-up:** Please ensure that your child does not wear make-up / nail polish for school and encourage them to maintain high standards in their appearance at all times.

**Hair:** Long hair should always be tied back (for boys and girls) during PE and games lessons, using a simple bobble. (Children will be asked to remove hair bands, slides and novelty accessories for safety reasons).

**PE Kit:** A named P.E kit should in school every day. This should include a plain white t-shirt, black shorts and black school pumps (not trainers) for all pupils, including Years 5 and 6. It will be sent home at the end of every half term to be washed. Please ensure it is in school on the **first** day of each half term.

**Games:** To ensure the safety and comfort of all of our children, they will require a games kit for outdoors sports. This should include: trainers, dark blue or black tracksuit or tracksuit trousers, a white t-shirt and a sweatshirt. (No football shirts please!). Please ensure it is in school on the **first** day of each half term.

**Inhalers:** If your child uses a preventative inhaler to treat asthma, they are encouraged to store and use this independently, so that they always have access to it. Please encourage your child to be responsible for replenishing inhalers if they have run out or are out of date.

**Hand Sanitiser:** Hand sanitiser will be available to all children within their classrooms to use alongside regular handwashing with soap. Your child is welcome to bring their own small bottle of hand sanitiser (which must show your child's name or initials) to use in school too.

**Art shirt:** We ask that each child brings a named, over-sized shirt to keep in school for art/technology/science activities in order that we can try to prevent uniform being marked by paint/pastel, etc.

**Bags:** Prepare a school bag to hold reading books, planners and A4 sized homework folders. Please ensure that bags are not too big as there is limited space in the lockers.

**Homework:** Children are responsible for completing all homework and returning it to school in the folders provided, neatly and punctually. Children will be given a weekly Maths and English task. There may also be additional pieces for other subjects. We encourage children to use Mathletics regularly – at least 1000 points per week will ensure that a bronze, silver or gold award is achieved every week.

Reading: In Upper Key Stage 2, we continue to use Accelerated Reader to monitor and inform children's reading. Children can read books from home or school by checking the ZPD level on the Accelerated Reader website <https://ukhosted5.renlearn.co.uk/2158412> Children are encouraged to read for at least 20 minutes per day and will achieve a house point for each successfully completed quiz when they have completed a book. Parents can monitor reading success online by logging on. We also encourage children to read a variety of texts, including non-fiction and poetry as well as fiction.

Stationery: Children will need to bring their own stationery in **one** (appropriately-sized) pencil case containing: handwriting pens when necessary, writing pencils, an eraser, a pencil sharpener, ruler, glue stick and **some** colouring pencils and felts. These need to be maintained and replenished regularly. Children will not need to bring their own scissors.

Planners: All children will be issued with a planner at the start of the year. This will include their reading record, spaces for children to record homework tasks, etc. This can also be used to send messages to class teachers and vice versa. We would ask that you check your child's planner regularly and sign them once each week, either in the general comments box or reading record. Class teachers will also sign these once each week.

In order to encourage independence in Years 5 and 6 and prepare them for secondary school, pupils are responsible for their own organisation on a daily basis. Therefore, we ask you to encourage your child to:

- ✓ Organise and maintain their own school equipment, so that they are prepared for all lessons
  - ✓ Show you their planner regularly
  - ✓ Take all letters home and return reply slips punctually
  - ✓ Complete and return all homework punctually
  - ✓ Ensure parents and carers know when children are attending after-school activities
  - ✓ Look after their own and school property
- ✓ Use of mobile phones: We do not encourage the use of mobile phones in school, but should your child need to bring one, it must be switched off and handed into the teacher at the beginning of the day to be sent to the office for safe-keeping. These will be returned by the teacher at the end of the day.