



Little Heaton C E Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers of pupils in Year Six,

You will be pleased to hear that our Year Six pupils have settled in very well since the start of term. I wanted to take this opportunity to reassure you of the measures we are putting in place to fully support your child in their final year at Little Heaton CE Primary School. I am very aware that since the global pandemic in 2020, and the many changes in leadership and staffing, your pupils have experienced some disruption to their education.

Mrs Shires is a highly experienced class teacher, with significant expertise of teaching Year Six. She is fully supported with a team of Teaching Assistants: Mrs Bell, Mr Connor, Miss Abbie and occasionally Mrs Laycock.

You will be aware that last year, we opened our wonderful new school library, and established the old library space as the *The Hive*. Last academic year, we used *The Hive* slightly differently as an intervention space for children with additional needs. For September, we have launched this as a Year Six space for learning. This means that any adult in the Year Six team can use *The Hive* as a space to work with different groups of children in order to address their learning needs. We have installed an interactive touch screen in order to have access to the same resources as those in the classroom. Throughout the year, this learning space will be accessed by all Year Six children. This ensures that focused group work can take place for smaller groups, and we can better meet the needs of all learners.

At the end of Year Five, pupils were assessed ready for their entry to Year Six. Mrs Bell and Miss Abbie have already been working with pupils throughout the summer term to aid transition. Over the coming weeks, Mrs Shires will ask pupils to take part in practise SATs papers. The scores children receive in these papers will help us to identify any gaps in their knowledge so we can address these throughout the year.

For homework, each week, the children will be set spellings on Purple Mash. These spellings cover the range of statutory words for Years 5 and 6 as well as reinforcement of spelling patterns learned in previous years. It is an expectation that all children access Times Tables Rock Stars 3 or 4 times a week at home; fluency in multiplication and division facts is a key factor in enabling the children to be successful when using fractions, decimals and percentages which form a huge part of the Year Six Maths curriculum. As we progress further into the term, children will be given short reading and arithmetic tests to complete as part of their homework. Websites such as www.myminimaths.co.uk (Year Six) and www.mathsframe.co.uk have some excellent resources to further support children



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in their learning. Booster sessions will begin after October half term, and further information about these will go out nearer the time.

Our bespoke package of support in Year Six will not only support pupils with their SATs in May, but also with a successful transition to secondary school in Year Seven. If you have any further concerns or queries please speak to me or Mrs Shires before or after school, or contact the office to arrange an appointment. Any email queries must be sent to office@littleheatonce.rochdale.sch.uk. Staff are not permitted to respond to parental emails that have been sent to their individual email address.

Kind regards,

Mrs Siân Hamer

Headteacher