



St. John's Church of England Middle School

April 2022

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Year 5 Induction

Firstly, I would like to say how pleased we are at St. John's to welcome your child to our new cohort for September 2022. The Year 5 team are greatly looking forward to being able to meet our new starters and I sincerely hope all of our new pupils are excited to begin their time with us at St. John's.

On Wednesday the 7th September we will be having an induction day, which will be for Year 5 pupils only, when they will meet their new teacher, complete settling-in activities and get to know much more about the school and Year 5, before other year groups return on Thursday the 8th September.

With change and moving to a new school, we fully appreciate there may be some nerves or concerns about what to expect in the first few days and weeks. I would therefore like to provide some information and reassurance.

We will have a greater focus on induction and helping pupils to settle into school life. This will start from the moment pupils arrive at the gates, where they will be met and welcomed by members of staff. They will then be shown where to line up with their class teacher first thing in the morning. (Staff introduction videos will be updated and available on our website in the near future, so pupils can 'meet' their teacher in advance). The classes will then be led into the school and the pupils will see their class for the first time and be fully welcomed by their new teacher.

On their first day, the children will be based within their own classroom, with time dedicated entirely to induction and settling in. The day will have a less formal structure and will include;

- Introductions from staff and 'getting to know you' activities
- Distribution of planners and timetables for the coming year
- Time allocated to discussion, questions and answer sessions to address any concerns
- Familiarisation with school procedures, such as breaks and lunchtimes
- Familiarisation with the school layout, such as where the school office is, the canteen, the toilets etc.
- A variety of fun and creative 'settling-in' tasks
- Opportunities to meet and get to know other members of the Year 5 team
- Arriving and leaving school at the beginning and end of the day.

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Pupils will of course be regularly reminded that should they have any worries concerns, or questions about any aspects of the school, they can always speak to a member of staff who will be happy to help.

We are currently in contact with our first schools to ensure the transfer of as much information as possible about our new pupils is received. Once this process is complete, children will be allocated to classes accordingly and we will be able to inform you of your child's new teacher towards the end of the summer term. A member of the Year 5 team will also be visiting our larger feeder schools to meet the children and have discussions with Year 4 class teachers, whilst our smaller feeder schools will be offered a separate 'Small Schools Transition' session, either in person or online.

In addition, we are currently updating resources on our website, which will be useful to refer to in the coming weeks and months. These will include staff introduction videos, video tours of Year 5 classes, PowerPoint presentations and information booklets.

You can also access on the school website, forms to apply for breakfast and afterschool club places. These forms will need to be completed and returned to Mrs Danielle Walker in Finance at DWalker@st-johns-bromsgrove.worcs.sch.uk by Friday the 28th June to secure a place. We also provide music tuition for a large range of instruments. If you are interested in your child continuing music tuition from their current school or you wish your child to learn to play an instrument for the first time please contact Mrs Danielle Walker for more information.

However, there is a lot of information on our website that is relevant to all our pupils including links to our twitter page so please do take a look.

The Year 5 team and all the staff hope all our new pupils are excited to begin their next chapter in school, but please be reassured we will provide whatever support we can to pupils and families over the coming days, weeks and terms to ensure our new pupils can happily settle into school life at St. John's and thrive during their time in Year 5 and beyond!

Yours faithfully,

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