



May 2021

Dear Parents/Guardians

Year 5 Induction

Welcome to the St John's family! The Year 5 team are looking forward to meeting your child(ren) and I sincerely hope all of our new pupils are excited to begin their time with us.

Due to current restrictions, we are sadly not able to have our usual transition day in July. Therefore, we have arranged for Monday 6th September 2021 as a transition day for Year 5 pupils only. On this day children 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 Tuesday 7th September 2021.

We fully appreciate there may be some nerves or concerns about what to expect in the first few days and weeks, rest assured we will be providing plenty of information and reassurance to make the transition as smooth as possible.

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. Children will then be shown where to line up with their class and 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).

Monday 6th September 2021 will be dedicated entirely to induction and settling in. The children will be based within their own classroom and the day will have a less formal structure, which includes;

- 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
- Familiarising with school procedures, such as breaks and lunchtimes
- Familiarising 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
- Procedures for leaving school at the end of the day

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 their classteacher who will be happy to help.

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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. Personal information forms will also be sent out in due course to allow you to update any information as required.

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, including our Transition Booklet which has a section for any worries or questions, which pupils may find useful to look at – this has also been sent to first schools to allow time to fill in and bring to school to discuss as part of the induction days.

There are forms available on the school website to apply for breakfast and afterschool club places within the Parent section, Parent Finance, Extended services. 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 28th May** 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 currently a lot of information that is relevant to all our pupils including links to our twitter page so please do take a look.

These are challenging times to be starting a new 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 within their time with us.

Yours faithfully

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