

5th September 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

We hope that you all had a wonderful summer with your families. It was lovely to see the children today – they were eager to learn and it was a delight to have them back at school.

I would like to take this opportunity to inform you of a few minor changes we are making to the teaching arrangements in Year 6. In order to ensure that the children are accessing learning bespoke to their needs, we have made the decision to group the children for their maths lessons only. As a result of this, your child may not be taught by their class teacher for their maths lessons and may be taught by one of the other Year 6 teachers. The make-up of these teaching groups will remain flexible throughout the rest of the academic year and the children have been fully informed of these changes.

As I'm sure many of you are aware, we also have the Kent Test this Thursday (7th September). I thought it would be useful to use this opportunity to outline some key information about the test.

- The test will begin just after registration so please ensure that your child arrives in school promptly.
- The test will be broken down into three sections: English and Maths, Reasoning and Writing. The children will have breaks between all sections.
- All necessary stationery will be provided by the school.
- Please do not wear smart watches/fitbits to school. If children do wear these, they will have to be removed for the test.
- Parents will be notified of their child's test scores by email on Wednesday 18 October. We cannot advise exactly when the emails will arrive but this is usually by 4pm.
- There is a short familiarisation paper on the Kent Test pages of the www.kent.gov.uk website, which children will be doing with their teachers in class this week.
- I will be offering bookable slots to parents who wish to discuss their child's Kent Test results, or secondary school applications, in Term 2 and will send details of this shortly.
- If your child is not sitting the Kent Test, please send them into school as normal. They will be completing work alongside the Year 6 TAs whilst the other children are testing.

I hope this information is useful for you. As always, please contact me via the School Office if you have any questions.

Best wishes,

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