

Dear Parents,

We obviously hope that we are back in school at some point in June – but how that is going to happen and whether everyone can attend due to individual circumstances is still uncertain. However, we need to start thinking ahead and provide for all children. Secondary transition will be very different for this Year 6 – induction days are unlikely and the usual end-of-year activities may not happen.

Each week, starting w/b 18 May, I will set at least one home learning task that is a tip and/or activity for you to discuss/complete with your son or daughter to support their move to Secondary School. It is, of course, entirely your choice whether to do these tasks. However, it cannot hurt to at least have a look. Please bear in mind that we may not have an opportunity to complete these discussions at school.

Together with the first set of activities which are set for Friday 22 May, I would like you to consider the following:

- If you have not already done so, think about how you can help your child to be more independent.
  - At home, do they put their clothes away?
  - Do they complete simple tasks like making their own bed or helping with the dishes?
  - Do they have a routine for doing homework? How much support (or nudging) do they need to do it?
  - How good are they remembering to bring in trainers, unpack letters from their school bag or picking up school jumpers after play?
- Ask who else is going to the same school and encourage them to have a chat. They may not be the children your child normally interacts or socialises with, but it is always good to have a familiar face in the first few weeks. Remind your child that they will make friends when they start their new school.

In the coming weeks, I will set different tasks – all relevant to making your child more comfortable with the transition. I hope you will find them useful. If you have any questions or queries, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards,  
Steffi Egan