



10th September 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

After such an unusual time, I am thrilled to welcome everyone back and am looking forward to helping the children settle into a more normal school routine. We will be sending out an overview of the main topics we will be covering this term at the beginning of next week. Mrs Jones and Mrs Marles will be supporting Year Six this year and Mrs Hare will be teaching Art, Music and French on Thursday afternoons. At this moment in time, we are asking that you contact us by telephone or email if you have any questions or concerns. My email address is laura.cudlip@marldon-primary.devon.sch.uk.

Due to government guidelines, we are unable to use our shared cloakrooms this term, which means that the children's bags and coats will need to be stored in the classroom throughout the day. Therefore, we are asking that the children bring only their reading book and record, named water bottle and packed lunch into school. They will be provided with all of the other equipment they need for their learning. As you will already be aware, we are unable to provide toast this term, so you may wish to send an appropriate healthy snack in for morning break. There are a number of children and staff with severe allergies within school, so **please ensure that your child does not bring strawberries or nuts in to school.**

I cannot express how important reading regularly is for the children, particularly within Year 6. The children are expected to read for at least 15 minutes each evening as part of their homework, either to an adult or independently, and should record their daily reading within their reading record. To support with this, within the next few weeks, the children will be given a login to a website called 'Read Theory,' where they will be set a short comprehension activity to complete each evening. Please note we are finalising arrangements regarding homework and I will let you know as soon as this is organised.

PE lessons are on Wednesday and Friday afternoons this term. Your child should come into school **wearing** their PE kit on these days, along with their school jumper. Kit List:

- **Plain white t-shirt and plain dark shorts.** A plain dark tracksuit may be worn in the colder months.
- Trainers or plimsolls.

Finally, I know that in Year 6, it is important for the children to build their independence and, for many, this may include walking home alone. **If you would like your child to walk home from school alone, you will need to give permission on Parent Pay.** The children are not allowed mobile phones in school. However, if they need a phone as they are walking home alone, permission is needed. The phone will need to be turned off and stored in your child's bag during the school day, at your own risk. Please visit Parent Pay to complete your permission before allowing your child to bring in their phone.

Many thanks for your support,
The Year 6 Team