

Dear Parents

I have been impressed with the mature, focused attitude of the Year Six pupils since they returned from the summer break. There is a genuine excitement amongst the Academy staff at the potential of this year's cohort. If a positive work ethic can be maintained throughout the coming year, I am sure all pupils will make good progress both academically and socially. Of course, the last year of primary school is partly about showing off what you've learnt over the years but it also about exploring new ideas in depth whilst preparing yourself for the wider world ahead.

Some routines and reminders for Year Six

PE – All pupils are expected to have a PE kit in school for each PE session. These will take place on a Wednesday (Week A) and a Monday (Week B). PE kit lists are displayed on the Academy website (<http://www.dartmouthacademy.org.uk/#!/uniform/c1olj>).

Reading Books – All children in Year Six at Dartmouth Academy are expected to have a reading book in school every day.

Contacting School – You should report any absences to the school office. As the children develop independence and parents see the teachers less regularly, the best way of contacting your child's class teacher is through the email address below. We will still be available to meet face-to-face at a convenient time if you require.

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Dinner Money – All children have a Squid Card which is used to pay for all food and snacks in the View Restaurant. The tuck shop, available on a Monday, Wednesday and Friday will remain cash only.

Library – Children are encouraged to borrow books from the school library but please ensure all school books are returned on time. Remember the fantastic resources available from Dartmouth Library at The Flavel are all free!

Home Learning – All home learning will be set on a Friday afternoon and should be completed by the following Thursday morning, (please see reverse for details).

Home Learning in Year Six.

Maths	Literacy
<p>Children will cover a range of topics this year and the Maths Home Learning will be adapted each week to match the learning in school. Details of the weekly tasks will be explained to pupils and will be available on the Year Six Blog.</p> <p>Many of the tasks are online activities using MyMaths, Sumdog or SATS Interactive. Facilities are available in school when internet access at home is unavailable.</p>	<p>In school, children will be writing learning to write a range of different texts including stories, instructions, reports, letters and explanations. To support this, children need to learn their spellings each week and engage with the weekly writing and grammar tasks shown on the Year Six blog.</p> <p>Pupils should read for <u>at least</u> 15 minutes a night. Please support your child by reading with them and ensure a comment is recorded in their reading records.</p>
Topic	
<p>Over the course of a half-term, pupils will receive a Home Learning Project based on the topic they are studying in school. This tends to be a larger, research-based project which can be presented in a variety of ways including 3D models, computer presentations, written booklets, annotated artwork or perhaps even animations!</p> <p>These projects provide an opportunity for children to be creative whilst showcasing what they have learnt at home.</p> <p>Details of the topic home learning will also be displayed on the blog and sent home as a paper reminder.</p>	
General	
<p>At Dartmouth Academy we are trying to encourage children to be more independent to prepare them for the challenges they will face in the secondary school phase. To support them with this, it is important to create routines and encourage pupils to plan ahead, breaking down their numerous tasks into smaller and more manageable segments.</p>	

Thank you for supporting your child's learning at home! Please feel free to ask any questions you may have!

Kind regards,

Mr J Pemberton