

Hair

Shoulder length hair must be tied back at all times for hygiene and safety reasons; this includes boys' hair.

Earrings & Jewellery

No jewellery is to be worn in school at any time for safety reasons. We strongly discourage ear piercing but if this must be done PLEASE have it done at the start of the summer holidays so that they do not have to be in all day during term time. Infections and torn ear lobes in past years have resulted in this safety rule.

Food & Drink

****Due to severe allergies in the cohort, pupils will not be allowed to eat in classrooms and will be asked not to open their lunch boxes until they are inside the dining room at lunch time. Children are permitted to bring fruit only as a break time snack.****

We would appreciate it if the children could come in with their water bottle filled ready for the day: we are not currently using water fountains in school in order to minimise possible transmission of COVID.

For children having school dinner, they will be asked to make their choice at the start of each day. Menus will be emailed home to parents once term starts.

And finally....

Year 5/6 is a fantastic time for the children to enjoy a greater independence and to continue their learning through a range of exciting activities.

We really look forward to getting to know you and working with you during your child's time in Year 5/6.

Mrs Allport, Mrs Penn, Mr Barry and Miss Ball

Moving on to Year 5/6



Ensuring smooth transition from Y3/4 to Y5/6

Transition

When the children come into Year 5/6, most things remain the same. This leaflet is intended to ease the transition so that you and your child can be prepared for any changes in September.

Children are encouraged to be much more independent when they reach Year 5/6 and should take responsibility for remembering homework, sports kit, letters etc. themselves. We would very much appreciate your support in encouraging this at home as well.

If you have any concerns or queries, please do not hesitate to contact a member of the 5/6 team via Seesaw or the School Office: email@stpeters-heswall.wirral.sch.uk

The Classes

This year we have three classes: a Y5 class, a Y6 class and a mixed Y5/6 class.

The class teachers are:

[Mr Barry \(5R\)](#) - Maternity Cover for Miss Rowlands (click for link)

[Mrs Allport and Mrs Penn \(6AP\)](#) (click for link)

Mrs Allport will teach the class on a Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday morning; Mrs Penn will teach the class on a Wednesday afternoon, Thursday and Friday

[Miss Ball \(5/6B\)](#) (click for link)

Mrs Allport will teach the class on a Thursday during Miss Ball's management time.

The teachers are supported throughout the week by Miss Connolly, Mrs Jordan and Mrs Wood - teaching assistants who are responsible for helping individuals/ small groups of children that need additional support or challenge and for providing whole class / group support where needed.

Uniform

Please ensure that all items of school uniform, PE Kit and possessions are clearly marked with the name of your child.

PE & GAMES KIT

Each class will usually have indoor PE and outdoor games on the same day. On this day the children are expected to come to school in their school PE kit and will wear this all day, just as they have done this year. We will let you know when your child's PE day is in September, once class timetables have been finalised.

JEWELLERY

In the interest of health and safety, no jewellery (including earrings) is to be worn in school.

Equipment

WATER BOTTLES

A named plastic water bottle with sports cap can be brought in each day and there are facilities to refill it on hot days. This should just contain water, not flavoured drinks.

SCHOOL BAG

Please keep this as small as possible as we have limited storage space, large bags come off the pegs, onto the floor, and are a hazard.

PENCIL CASE

A flat pencil case which fits easily into the desk tray is ideal and should contain a blue cartridge ink pen with spare cartridge, pencil, rubber and glue stick. All other items are supplied by school including ruler, coloured pencils and sharpeners.

HOMEWORK DIARY

Children in Y5/6 will be provided with a homework diary which they will be expected to keep up to date each week and will also be used as a reading record for parents to sign; a communication space for teachers and parents is available as well as reminders of any events during each week where kit, letters, other equipment need to be brought into school.

Homework

READING

Children will visit Heswall Library fortnightly - monthly with their class to choose a library book. Please sign their homework diary when your child reads and try to hear them reading aloud sometimes. **Please note that reading is part of the English homework and your child's diary should be signed at least 3 times each week—this will be checked weekly by the class teacher**

ENGLISH AND MATHS

⇒ English homework will be given out each week on a Tuesday to be returned on

⇒ Friday Maths homework on a Wednesday to be returned the following Tuesday.