**j0336917 Welcome To Year Six – Autumn Term 2025 j0343299**

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| The Year 6 mission has extra importance as we aim to support all children in preparation for the transition to secondary school. We want the children to be motivated, happy, well-behaved, confident, independent, and successful learners. |

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|  | **Buckland**  **(downstairs)** | **Cotehele**  **(downstairs)** | **Saltram**  **(upstairs)** |
| Teacher | **Mr Symonds**  rsymonds@wideycourt.plymouth.sch.uk | **Mrs O’Connor** ro’oconnor@wideycourt.plymouth.sch.uk | **Mr Rea**  crea@wideycourt.plymouth.sch.uk |
| Teaching Assistants | Miss Waters (Class TA)  Mrs Groves (HLTA)  Mrs Omlo (HLTA) | Mrs Mattingly (Class TA)  Mrs Groves (HLTA)  Mrs Omlo (HLTA) | Mrs Groves (Class TA + HLTA)  Mrs Omlo (HLTA) |

**The Year 6 Team**

**Start and end of the day:**

Classroom doors are open from 8.40am. We ask that children come straight to their classroom when they arrive at school, not gather on the playgrounds. The register is taken at 8.55am so please ensure that your child is in school before this time.

The school day ends at 3.20pm. If you are happy for your child to walk home independently, please state this via an email to your child’s class teacher (once is enough). If the arrangements change, please let us know. Please also inform your child’s class teacher if there is a reason why they need to bring a mobile phone to school.

**Behaviour:** We expect very high standards of behaviour, and we really value your support. Please see the policies section of the school website for the Behaviour Policy and the Anti-Bullying Policy.

**Year Six Jobs:** We ask children to take responsibility for important jobs around the school; we encourage all the children to take on different roles so they can build confidence and work on their own initiative. There ill be the opportunity for Head boy, Head Girl, Curriculum Leader and House Captain this term

**Home Learning:** Every week, children will be given an online English (Education City) and Maths (My Maths and Times Table Rockstars) task as well as spellings. Homework is set on a Monday to be completed by the following Monday. **All home learning tasks can be found on the school webpage by clicking on: ‘Children, Homework’.** All homework is online.

**Reading books:** Children need to select appropriate books and read these from start to end. Reading records are monitored in school and should be kept up to date and looked after. Please encourage your child to read at home; this will be treated as part of the weekly homework task. It is still hugely beneficial to be reading with your child as often as you can.

**Meet the Teacher:** In the first few week in September, there will be the opportunity for you to meet your child’s new class teacher and gain a greater understanding of Year 6

**PE**: Please ensure that your child has the correct kit for each session and that it is clearly named. We ask that no football shirts are to be worn for PE, even if they are your child’s correct house colour.PE days for each class are as follows:

Buckland: Friday and Wednesday Cotehele: Monday and Tuesday Saltram: Tuesday and Wednesday

**Contact:** Please ensure that you are set up on Dojo as we will share most of our information on this platform. We welcome contact via email, phone calls or Dojo messages though as a polite reminder please remember, out of school hours we may not be able to reply instantly.

**Walking Home:** It is very common that, in Year 6 most children walk home by themselves or meet their parents at the car. If this is the case, please could you inform your child’s class teacher so that we have your permission to allow them to leave by themselves.

**Secondary School applications:** Although it may seem a long time in the future, the application for secondary schools in at the end of October and must be completed by the deadline. We encourage you to visit as many secondary schools as possible to get an understanding of the best school for your child.

**We hope your child has a successful and enjoyable final year at Widey Court.**

Thank you for taking the time to read this note.

The Year 6 team.