



26<sup>th</sup> April 2021

Dear Year 6 Parents and Carers,

I just wanted to communicate a few Year 6 plans for the summer term. Mr. Jones is working with me and getting to grips with all that needs to be in place for Year 6 as they prepare for secondary school and celebrate the end of their time at primary.

### South Wolds transition

Whilst information about visits to new schools will come directly from them, I have been notified that South Wolds' transition days will be on Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> and Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> July. (If your child is looking forward to going to another setting, they will be in touch to confirm their arrangements in due course). During these visits the children will get to know their forms and tutors as well as having an experience secondary school life.

South Wolds will also come to Willow Brook to meet with the children, deliver a presentation on the practical aspects of organising yourself in Year 7 and answer any questions that the children might have.

Whilst these events are penciled in the diary, they will, of course, be subject to changes related to Covid restrictions.

### SATS and Assessment

As was the case last year, formal assessments for Year 6 children will not take place in May. Academic levels will be provided to secondary schools based on teacher assessments. You may be aware that school data always stands alongside formal test data in Year 6 and both are used when we meet with the transition team to pass on our knowledge of each child. We intend to complete a week of more formal assessment using the usual SATs timetable on the week beginning 24<sup>th</sup> May. As well as providing us (and you) with a useful primary conclusion, it will confirm our judgements and give the children a much-deserved rite of passage!

If your child is on our SEND (Special Educational Needs and Disabilities) register or has been flagged by us as requiring additional help in transition, an additional meeting will be held with the SEND department to verbally pass on reports and information.

Communication is already underway and you should expect to receive all the information you need from the secondary settings.

### DARE

Year 6 started their DARE (Drug Abuse Resistant Education) course last week. This will take place on a Thursday morning over the next 10 weeks. Willow Brook continues to invest in the DARE programme as we believe the content provides essential knowledge that is incredibly well pitched and always delivered to a high standard. I am sure that Mr. Jones has already provided more detail of the course content. We are aiming to have an outdoor graduation on the afternoon of 15<sup>th</sup> July.

### Sex and Relationships Education (SRE)

During the summer term we will deliver our SRE lessons to Years 5 and 6. Again, we will send more detailed information of content and days as soon as they are in the diary. It is important that the transition phase before moving to secondary school supports pupils' ongoing emotional and physical development effectively and appropriately. The sex education programme, delivered in two afternoons, is tailored to the age and the physical and emotional maturity of the pupils and we are required to *'ensure that both boys and girls are prepared for the changes that adolescence brings and – drawing on knowledge of the human life cycle set out in the national curriculum for science - how a baby is conceived and born'*, building simply and sensitively on the knowledge included in the science curriculum all of which, in turn, will be explored further in key stage 3. Further details will be with you nearer the time.

### End of Term

School breaks up for the children on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> July. In whatever way we can, there will be an assembly to mark their special day at 10am. We are also planning an evening for the children on Wednesday during that last week. Whilst these events are still in the planning stage and awaiting the outcome of coronavirus progress, you might like to mark it on the calendar.

Keep an eye on newsletters. We hope that we can add a sports afternoon for Year 6 in the week beginning July 5<sup>th</sup>.

Mrs. Ballard and Mr. Jones.