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Dear Parent and Carers,

I would like to introduce myself as Miss Papa-Adams Head of Year 6 and class teacher for 6Y. I have heard so much about your children already and I am extremely excited to welcome them through the Upton gates in September as full-fledged Year 6's - the oldest in the school. Although we still face these unprecedented times, we aim to make school as normal (and as fun) as possible for the children.



As you are already aware from Miss Arthur's letter, there will be some small changes to school next year to ensure the safety and well-being of all children at Upton. I would like to take this opportunity to explain a few of the things more pertinent to Year 6 in a little more detail.

PE: Please send your child into school wearing their full PE kit, including their trainers every **WEDNESDAY**. Please ensure pupils are equipped for outdoor PE e.g. tracksuit, as PE will be taking place outside in Term 1.

Change of shoes & coat: Due to limited space for bubbles, we will be utilising our outside areas as often as possible, so pupils need to be prepared for all weathers, please. In September, please send your child in with a pair of wellington boots, outdoor shoes or old trainers that are suitable for wet weather and a carrier bag for them to be stored in along with a coat or anorak. Please be aware these will need to remain in pupils' lockers throughout the entire term. We will be trying to get outdoors as often as possible for learning and fitness, even if it is a little wet or muddy, so having a spare pair of trainers which children can change out of when they come back into the classroom will be important.

Water bottles: Please ensure pupils have enough water in school to last them all day, as water fountains continue to be out of action until further notice.

Collection: Collection at the end of the day (between 2.45 -3.15 pm) will not be from the playground as previous, but will be from external classroom doors. Please also ensure only one parent/carer is coming to collect to help stop congestion in the one-way system that will be in place.

I am very much looking forward to welcoming all of our children back in September and I am looking forward to getting to know all the children and yourselves over the course of the year. I promise that the year 6 Team and I will do our utmost to ensure your children feel safe, happy and have fun during their final year...for learning comes easily after this! We will be working hard to ensure the 'recovery curriculum' we have in place for the new academic year will be designed with our children's wellbeing at the centre - their emotional, social, physical and academic needs, wants and desires. Thank you for your continued support and please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards,
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