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Dear Parents and Carers,

Current Year 4 & 5's

Organisation and growing independence are essential life skills that we continue to prioritise in Upper Key Stage Two. During Years 5 and 6, we begin to prepare the children for the next stage of their learning journey so that they feel equipped with the skills to take increasing ownership of their studies and have a positive transition to secondary school.

As a result, in Years 5 and 6, we ask that all children:

- Wear a buttoned white shirt with collar instead of a polo shirt;
- Wear a Haydon Abbey tie, which can be purchased from **PL Schoolwear**
- Bring their own pencil case into school every day, containing the following equipment:
 - o Several **blue biro** pens (not handwriting or erasable pens)
 - o Several HB pencils
 - o A ruler with mm and cm
 - o A pencil sharper
 - o A rubber
 - o Colouring pencils in a range of colours
 - o A glue stick

As the year progresses, we encourage the children to be aware when their stationery is running low and speak to their adult at home about replacements.

Homework also supports the development of these skills and children are expected to bring in their completed tasks by given deadlines. In Years 5 and 6, children will be expected to:

- Read a range of exciting texts daily, recording their efforts in their Reading Record.
- Complete daily Times Tables practise.
- Practise their weekly spellings in their Green Spelling Book
- Complete 1 written weekly task in their homework book.

Children in Years 5 and 6 are also permitted to walk home by themselves. However, this is only permitted if we have written consent from a parent. **If you are happy for your child to walk home alone from September, please consent via the Google Form below. If your child is going into Year 6 and walked home last year, we still require completion of this form for their new teachers.** Without consent, your child will not be permitted to leave site without an adult.

<https://forms.gle/cpEuBT6EmcUetB1n7>



Thank you for your continued support. We look forward to supporting your children throughout Years 5 and 6. If you have any further questions, please don't hesitate to speak to me or your child's class teacher.

Yours faithfully,
Miss Haynes
Year 5/6 Phase Leader