

May 2021

Dear Year 6 Pupils,

Welcome to Year 6 from Mr Lydford, Vice Principal for Inclusion

Welcome to Wey Valley and I look forward to meeting you all in person.

I am the Vice Principal for Inclusion, so this means I am responsible for behaviour, attendance, Special Educational Needs & Disabilities and safeguarding.

Rewards and Behaviour:

It's my job to make sure that all staff recognise when you are doing well and reward you for it! We will do everything we can to help you, as well as keeping your parents and carers informed.

Teachers will award achievement points for great work and you will also have an opportunity to win one of our 'Student of the Week' awards each week if you make an outstanding contribution either in lessons, or in other ways to school life. This involves meeting the Principal, Mr Russell and receiving one of our Outstanding Student badges, as well as celebrating your achievement with everyone. We also hold an Achievement Assembly each term, where we award badges and other prizes to individual students and to tutor groups. You can be rewarded for excellent attendance, good behaviour, academic excellence and for contributing to the Wey Valley community.

At Wey Valley, we have **high expectations** in every aspect of school life and that every student is kind, polite and respectful at all times. However, we also recognise that sometimes everyone makes mistakes and we will support you when things don't quite go to plan.

You will have a form tutor, with whom you will meet every day, and a Head of Year, Mrs Harmey, who you will be introduced to shortly. You will be able to contact them whenever you have a query or problem.

Attendance:

In order to reach your potential, you need to arrive **on time** to school **every day**.

I work closely with your Head of Year (Mrs Harmey) and your tutors to monitor all of our students' attendance, to make sure you are attending school regularly, are happy and feel secure here.

We reward good attendance with badges, certificates, trips and visits and vouchers in our termly Achievement Assemblies.

Special Educational Needs & Disabilities:

We know some pupils will need extra support to help them at school.

Our Special Educational Needs and Disabilities Co-ordinator, Mrs Field, and I will work with you if this is relevant for you to make sure you can take part fully in all of your lessons and any extra-curricular clubs and activities that you wish to. You will soon have a visit from Miss Wellman, who works with Mrs Field in our SEND Hub, to discuss how we can support you with your learning.

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Safeguarding:

Schools must keep their children safe and all of our staff know how to support pupils if they need extra help at any time.

We will make sure you are kept safe and supported all of the time. We have excellent plans in place to ensure this happens and work with lots of other organisations who will often visit the school to do assemblies and work with pupils to help get you ready for adult life.

Finally...

All of the staff and students at Wey Valley are really looking forward to welcoming you to our Academy. We offer every student a great opportunity to learn, to reach the full potential and to be a part of an exciting, caring and fun community; I have no doubt that this year group will be an outstanding one and I know will be rewarding you all for your excellent behaviour and attendance.

Yours faithfully



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