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Dear Parents/Carers,

"Aim for success, not perfection. Never give up your right to be wrong, because then you will lose the ability to learn new things and move forward with your life. Remember that fear always lurks behind perfectionism." **David M. Burns**

Welcome to Year 6 at Andrews' Endowed! It is a privilege to work with yourselves and your children this year, and with the 16 or so families I have already worked with in the past this year. Firstly, many thanks for your 'All about my child' sheet that many of you took the time to fill out for this year. They will give me an even better understanding of what it has been like for you during last year or two and how best to help your child going forward. I hope this letter will give you the headlines before our parent welcome meeting at 9am on Monday 11th September, and the Calshot parent meeting at 6.30PM on Tuesday 12th September.

PE for Year 6 will be on Monday and Friday to start with. We will be leaving PE kits in school in the week if the children do need spare clothes and they will be sent home periodically over weekends and at half terms to be washed. On days that there isn't PE, your child is to return to wearing full school uniform including school shoes. Please name all your child's clothing, particularly their coat and school jumper – they sadly do tend to get lost if they are not clearly named.

Homework can occasionally be a contentious issue between parents and their child, but if it is proving to be a challenge for your child, please don't force it – it is just not worth a tricky weekend! Please let me know of any issues you have. Thinking towards their transition to secondary school, homework in Y6 will include spellings to be learnt every week, reading and a piece of maths and topic, creative or English work which altogether should take around 2 hours to complete. All homework including maths and topic homework will be given out to the children on a Thursday and will be due in on the following Tuesday. Homework spelling words will also be given out on the Thursday and will include a range of words taken from the statutory lower and upper KS2 word lists, and other age-appropriate spelling words. Spelling tests will take place on a Thursday or Friday. It is recommended that you read with your child 2-3 times per week at home (even in Year 6!) and each child should bring their reading diary and book when it needs changing. Although I will be posting homework on google classroom, your child is also welcome to bring homework back in their homework books as usual.

Although all stationery and other equipment will be provided to the children in the class, your child may want to bring a small pencil case into school, particularly with their own preferred blue writing pen. The same rules apply here as they did in Y5 and previous years. Each week Mrs Hannah Rose will be covering my planning, preparation, and assessment time (PPA) on Wednesday afternoons. She will be teaching Music and RE to start off with in the autumn 1 half term. Mrs Pearce will be our LSA this year, and Mrs Driscoll will also be in the classroom.

Finally, please do let me know of anything that may be bothering you or your child because it is always better to tell me about an issue that we can fix, rather than let it niggle away and turn into something bigger. Together, we make the supportive team to foster and nurture your child ready for their next adventure in secondary school!

Yours sincerely,

Sam Paine

