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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this letter finds you well. As we reach the half term holiday, I wanted to inform you of some important changes that will be implemented after the holiday for our Year 6 students as part of their preparation for transitioning to secondary school. These changes are in response to feedback from parents throughout the school year, and after discussions with staff from the local secondary schools.

One of the changes concerns the students' stationery requirements. From now on, children in Year 6 may bring their own small, sensible pencil case to school. Our aim with this change is to develop the children's independence whilst giving them the opportunity to take responsibility for their own equipment. Their pencil case should contain essential items such as a pencil, rubber, and a blue or black ink handwriting pen. Please note that biros, gel pens or click pens will not be permitted. It is essential to emphasise that the responsibility for the upkeep and safety of this equipment lies with the students. Any inappropriate or distracting items found in the pencil case will be asked to be left at home and may be confiscated for the day until home time. For those who choose not to bring personal equipment, the school will continue to provide the necessary stationery.

Furthermore, there will be changes to the timetable to mirror the secondary school model more closely. Different subjects will be taught at various times throughout the day. This adjustment aims to better prepare our Year 6 students for the structure they will encounter in secondary school.

Lastly, the homework schedule will continue; this will include daily reads, set tasks and TT Rockstars. Daily set tasks should be completed for the following day allowing students to develop a routine of regular and manageable homework assignments. For those students who do not complete their homework tasks, they will attend a lunchtime learning session.

These changes have been carefully considered to enhance the educational experience of our Year 6 students and facilitate a smooth transition to secondary school. Your support and encouragement in helping the children adapt to these adjustments would be greatly appreciated.

If you have any questions or require further clarification, please do not hesitate to contact the school office. Thank you for your continued partnership in your child's education. We look forward to their final 7 weeks with us.

Yours sincerely,  
Mrs Lidiard  
Year 6 Teacher