

Drifffield Junior School



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Dear Parents / Carers

Usually, as the children start year 6, we hold an information evening where we tell parents all about the tests (SATs) the children take in May and our residential trip to Dobroyd which normally takes place in March. However, due to the current Covid-19 restrictions this isn't possible. This letter will give you a basic outline, but for further information please open the slideshow we have published on the curriculum page of the school website.

<https://www.drifffieldjuniorschool.co.uk/learning/curriculum>

End of Key Stage 2 tests (SATs)

At the end of year 6 children usually sit a series of tests in strict exam conditions. These tests assess the children's understanding of maths, reading, grammar, punctuation and spelling. For more information please see our website where you can find information slides and example papers. At present, the information we have is that these tests will go ahead as planned from 10th - 13th May 2021. Staff and children are working very hard to catch up on work missed at the end of year 5 and we will continue to ensure the children are well prepared for the tests. However, new guidance for schools is published regularly and if this situation changes we will let you know. At Drifffield Junior School we have always emphasised that year 6 is about preparing children for senior school and the next stage in their education (not necessarily scoring highly in tests) and this year will be no different. We are often asked by parents what can they do to support their children.

- Read regularly at home
- Know and practise times tables
- Regular bed time with a good night's sleep - limit screen time on an evening.

Residential trip to Dobroyd Castle

Current government guidance prevents us from taking the children on overnight trips so it is with a very heavy heart that we are unable to currently offer this trip. I know the children will be disappointed by this but rest assured that if the guidance changes we will not hesitate to try and organise something for them. I hope that come the summer, even if we are not able to offer an overnight stay, we will be able to provide the children with the opportunity to take part in some outdoor and adventurous activities. However, I'm sure you will understand that we cannot put concrete plans in place at the moment.

Finally, I would like to say a huge well done to all of our year 6 pupils. They have made a fantastic start to the year and have adapted to the changes with a mature and positive attitude. They have soon settled down to work and are doing well as we catch up with the learning they missed.

Well done year 6.

Mrs H Mudd
Year 6 leader

