

# A carers guide to.....



## Year Six

Year 6 is a really important year in the life of all young people. It is the year when they finish their primary education and prepare to move to secondary school and take the SATs exams that will influence their time in Year 7.

This short guide will help you support the young person during this year.

Some general points:

- Most Primary Schools have a website with useful information on it. Make sure you check it weekly.
- SATs need to be taken seriously!
- Young people need plenty of sleep. Be wary of the distractions that keep them awake late: mobile phones, TV's, computers and caffeinated drinks!
- The Virtual School monitors the progress of all children looked after. Where appropriate we can arrange for extra tuition for the young person to help boost exam grades.
- We also monitor attendance and the quality of the Personal Education Plans (PEPs).
- Every school has a 'Designated Teacher' who is responsible for the progress of children looked after in the school. Make sure you know who that person is and how to contact them.
- Secondary schools now have extra funding to run up to two weeks of summer schools which are free of charge. Find out when your chosen school is running theirs and make sure your young person is able to attend.

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Event	When?	How you can help
<b>Application for Secondary School</b>	By the end of October	Make a shortlist of suitable schools. Go to their open Evenings and visit during the daytime. Get your application in on time.
<b>Parents evenings</b>	Various	Attend! Ask the teachers how you can support the young person at home.
<b>PEP meetings</b>	September and May	The school should be asking the young person about their views and setting targets for the coming year. Talk with your YP about the targets – and always aim high!

## Frequently asked Questions

1. Where do I find out information on my child's school?
  - a. The school will have a website. Google it!
2. What is a 'designated teacher'?
  - a. The person in the school who is responsible for monitoring the progress of children looked after.
3. What is a PEP?
  - a. The Personal Education Plan which sets out short term targets for the young person. This plan is reviewed twice a year.
4. What is the Pupil Premium?
  - a. The sum of money given by the Government to schools to support children looked after. This is administered by the Virtual School and is often used for extra tuition or by schools to create small groups. This year it is worth £630.
5. How do I know if the young person is making the expected progress at school?
  - a. Expected progress is defined by the government as two whole National Curriculum levels of progress between Key Stages 1 and 2 or three 'sub-levels' in a year. The table below shows what is acceptable progress between KS1 and 2. The second table shows the expected progress from the end of KS2 to GCSE grades, which is three levels of progress.

		Key Stage 2 level						
		other	Q	B,N	2	3	4	5
Key Stage 1 level	Other or no prior available	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	✓
	W	n/a	n/a	n/a	✓	✓	✓	✓
	1	n/a	n/a	X	X	✓	✓	✓
	2	n/a	n/a	X	X	X	✓	✓
	3	n/a	n/a	X	X	X	X	✓
	4	n/a	n/a	X	X	X	X	✓

		GCSE grade (Key Stage 4 level)									
		no result	U	G	F	E	D	C	B	A	A*
Key Stage 2 level	Other or no prior available	X	X	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	✓	✓	✓
	B,N	X	X	n/a	n/a	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	2	X	X	X	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	3	X	X	X	X	X	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
	4	X	X	X	X	X	X	✓	✓	✓	✓
	5	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	✓	✓	✓