



A huge welcome back to everyone and particular welcome to all our new families joining us this academic year. It has been a settled start to the year and we are all looking forward to a fantastic year of learning! Staff returned on Tuesday this week – teachers spent a day looking at the science behind learning and considering how working memory and cognitive load can affect how children learn whilst all staff underwent our annual safeguarding training.

Further on in this newsletter is the home-school agreement – this is a document that outlines what we ask of parents and children at the Federation, and importantly, what you can expect from us. Please do read it through as the collaboration between home and school is so important to help children achieve their best. We ask all families to read the document and sign

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1BGd\\_lcGp8MP8SabokQSNZHN0L6vFbZwUNKi4TVGcb5I/viewform?edit\\_requested=true](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1BGd_lcGp8MP8SabokQSNZHN0L6vFbZwUNKi4TVGcb5I/viewform?edit_requested=true) to support us with this agreement. Thanks for all your support and we look forward to working with you all this year.

Mr Monro

#### **Attendance Changes This Year**

High standards of attendance are extremely important for giving children the best opportunities at school. Attached to this newsletter is a letter from the local authority informing parents of changes to the national attendance procedures. This includes changes to the requirements for term-time leave and thresholds for penalty notices. At the Federation, we will be updating our policies and procedures to reflect this new guidance but please do read the letter as it is important all families are aware of the new DfE guidelines.

#### **Meet the Teacher**

We will be holding our 'Meet the Teacher' events again this year, in the week beginning 16<sup>th</sup> September. Please see the attached timetable that outlines when your child's year group meeting will be held – this year, these will be in person in school. This will be a chance for you to meet your child's new class teacher, to hear any key messages and to ask any questions you may have about the year ahead. Please come along! If you are unable to attend, the slides from the meeting will be posted on Google Classroom.

<b>Monday 16th</b>	9.00	Year 3
<b>Tuesday 17th</b>	9.00	Year 4
<b>Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup></b>	2.30	Year 1
<b>Wednesday 18th</b>	2.30	Year 2
<b>Thursday 19th</b>	9.00	Year 5
<b>Friday 20th</b>	2.30	Year 6

#### **Emergency Details**

Please also be reminded that it is vital that we have your up-to-date contact information. If you have a new telephone number, address, or if your child has medical updates, you must inform the school office so we can update our systems.

#### **Dates and Events**

##### **Term Dates**

These can be found on our website using the link:

<https://www.trumpington-federation.co.uk/page/?title=Term+Dates&pid=1442>

##### **Wb 16<sup>th</sup> September**

Meet the Teacher (see separate timetable)

##### **Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> September**

Year 6 Author Visit

##### **Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup>**

##### **September - 1<sup>st</sup> October**

Book Fair

##### **Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September**

Paralympian visiting TM

##### **Friday 4<sup>th</sup> October**

Year 6 Duxford Trip

##### **Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October**

School Photographs

##### **Monday 28<sup>th</sup> October**

Half Term

#### **Parking**

Please be mindful of local residents when parking your car at pick-up and drop-off. There are parking restrictions in place around the school and it is important that residents' driveways and roads are not blocked. Many thanks for your support with this.



# Home School Agreement

**Working together to achieve success**



At The Trumpington Federation, we recognise each pupil as an individual and aim to give all pupils every opportunity to realise their full potential.

We believe that a close partnership between the school, parents and pupils is essential if we are to achieve this aim. The aim of our home-school agreement is to encourage consistency, equality and fairness in all matters about the school.

This is achieved most effectively when all staff, parents and pupils understand their responsibilities and work together towards the same goals.

## As a Federation you can expect us to:

- provide a broad and balanced curriculum which challenges children to reach their potential and fulfils the requirements of the national curriculum
- provide a high-quality, stimulating and engaging learning environment both indoors and outdoors
- work with parents to keep children safe online
- encourage children to try their best at all times
- Promote high standards, expectations and equality of opportunity
- closely monitor attendance and engage with families where attendance is below what we expect
- ensure the safety and welfare of all children and staff
- demand excellent standards of behaviour and respect for others
- provide our best teaching which engages and motivates our children
- engage, challenge and motivate all learners
- let parents know promptly if there are any concerns about children's learning or well-being
- keep parents and carers informed about their child's progress via parent consultations (twice per year) and an annual report
- keep personal information safe and secure in line with data protection requirements

## We expect children to:

- Come to school every day, on time, ready to learn and wearing uniform
- Try their best
- Use kind words and actions, online and in person.
- Demonstrate our three core rights:
  1. the right to learn without unfair distraction
  2. the right to be safe physically and emotionally
  3. the right to be treated with respect
- complete the home learning tasks set by the teacher carefully and on time- this could be reading, phonics, Times Tables Rockstars or activities on Google Classroom
- look after school property
- let an adult know straight away if they are worried or unhappy
- treat everyone equally, respecting our differences and celebrating who we are, no matter where we come from

## We expect parents and carers to:

- bring their child to school every day, on time, to give their child the best chance of being a successful learner. School start times are 8.45am for Early Years and 8.40am for Years 1-6
- accept the Federation's aims, values, policies and procedures to positively support the Federation's expectations on behaviour, learning and respect for others
- support their child with home learning; this could be reading, phonics, or using learning platforms such as Times Tables Rockstars
- let school know if there is anything that their child is struggling with at home that we can help with
- encourage their child to do their best
- ensure their child wears the correct uniform
- read communications issued by the school, such as newsletters and emails, and the website, to stay informed about school activities and policies, and attend school events where possible
- let us know about any issues that may affect your child's wellbeing, learning or behaviour so that we can offer support
- treat all staff with respect and trust our professional approach and expertise
- respect the local community and environment
- work with school to keep your child safe online
- inform the school immediately of any changes to their emergency contacts details
- engage with and sign up to Studybugs, Google Classroom and Tapestry for Reception children



# Going up to Secondary School Transitional Event

Free online event for parents and carers Fit to width in  
Year 6

You are invited to attend an online information session for parents and carers of Year 6 children, who are starting mainstream secondary education in September 2025. The event will discuss the admissions process for secondary school applications.

## Join us

We will be hosting the event at different times on the following days:

### Monday 16<sup>th</sup> September

- 9:30am – 10:30am
- 1:00pm – 2:00pm
- 6:30pm – 7:30pm

### Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> September

- 7:00pm – 8:00pm

## Programme

Join online via the link, which will be emailed to you.

- How and when to apply for a place in Year 7
- What to consider when naming your preferences of school
- How school places are allocated
- Secondary School Open Evenings
- Eligibility for school transport
- School admission appeals

## Book your place at: Me Learning

You will receive confirmation of your place and further details of how to join the meeting using a Microsoft Teams link.

If the above hyperlink does not work, please use: <https://app.melearning.co.uk/auth/validate-key?registerKey=NPTXYCGF>

If you require further information, please contact the Parents' School Preference Adviser on:  
[choosingaschool@cambridgeshire.gov.uk](mailto:choosingaschool@cambridgeshire.gov.uk)