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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Year 5, an exciting and important year in your child's journey at Aston Clinton School. As pupils move into Upper Key Stage 2, they are encouraged to develop greater independence, confidence and responsibility as they prepare for the final stages of their primary education.

As part of our [Great Citizen Curriculum.docx](#), Year 5 pupils enter the "Courageous Me" phase of development. During this year, we encourage children to step beyond their comfort zones, embrace new challenges and develop the resilience needed to overcome setbacks. Through a carefully planned programme of academic, personal and social development, pupils learn about healthy relationships, democracy, diversity, financial awareness, wellbeing and the importance of making a positive contribution to society.

The Year 5 curriculum is enriched through a wide range of memorable experiences designed to broaden children's horizons and develop character. Throughout the year, pupils will take part in opportunities including Bikeability, STEM Week, World Book Day, outdoor learning, sustainability projects, a visit to The Living Rainforest and our Year 5 Camp Out residential experience. These activities help children develop teamwork, confidence, leadership and independence whilst strengthening their understanding of the world around them.

Year 5 pupils are also encouraged to take on increasing responsibility within school life. Through roles such as Sports Ambassadors, Librarians, Play Rangers, Play Reporters, Peer Mediators, Door Monitors and Buddy Brigade members, children begin to develop the leadership and service skills that prepare them for the responsibilities of Year 6. These opportunities help pupils recognise that they can make a positive difference to others and contribute meaningfully to their school community. As a proudly smartphone-free school, we remain committed to helping children develop a healthy balance between digital technology and real-world experiences. Whilst we explicitly teach online safety and responsible digital citizenship, we also believe children should have opportunities to explore, collaborate, create and challenge themselves beyond a screen. Through our Aston Passports, outdoor learning programme and enrichment opportunities, pupils are encouraged to



develop practical skills, build resilience and engage actively with the world around them. We are also proud to be part of the Linking Network, helping pupils build understanding, empathy and connections with others from different backgrounds and communities.

Our approach to behaviour and personal development is rooted in relationships, belonging and understanding. We know that children thrive when they feel safe, valued and connected, and we are committed to creating an environment where every child can flourish. Throughout the year, pupils continue to develop key life skills through our whole-school personal development themes:

- Autumn 1: Aiming High
- Autumn 2: Speaking and Listening
- Spring 1: Teamwork
- Spring 2: Others
- Summer 1: Nurture
- Summer 2: Changes

These themes help children develop ambition, communication skills, empathy, resilience and self-regulation whilst preparing them for the opportunities and responsibilities that lie ahead. As the year progresses, pupils are supported to reflect on their achievements, develop their leadership potential and build the confidence needed for a successful transition into Year 6.

Year 5 is a year of growth, challenge and discovery. Through our Global Citizen Curriculum, enrichment opportunities, outdoor learning, Aston Passports and strong pastoral support, we aim to develop the whole child. By the end of the year, we want every pupil to be ready to take on the responsibilities of Year 6 with confidence, curiosity and character, continuing to Aspire, Care and Succeed in all that they do.

We look forward to working in partnership with you and sharing another exciting and successful year with your child.

Kind regards,

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