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## **Repton Manor Year 6 Middle School**

Dear families of Year 6 children,

As we approach the final term of our wonderful Year 6 children's primary school career, we will be placing a greater emphasis on fostering independence to best develop secondary school readiness.

To do this, we will be making the exciting transition from the traditional singular classroom setting to a Middle School approach. In this approach, the children will be re-organised into different groups throughout the day consisting of children across the cohort. Much like it will be at secondary school, the children will then be given a timetable detailing where each of their lessons will be, the subject of that lesson and the teacher(s) who will be delivering that lesson. The children will independently move between each lesson, taking the appropriate stationery and exercise books with them. All of the adults the children will be working with are familiar adults within the Year 6 team.

We strongly believe in the importance of the positive relationships that the children have developed over time with the peers in their classes and with their class teachers. Therefore, the children's classes (Shen Kuo, Ibn Al Haytham and Alan Turing) will now be known as their 'forms', with form time occurring at the beginning and end of every day.

We will be doing a 'walk through' day of this approach tomorrow, Friday 19<sup>th</sup> May 2023, to support the children for this transition. Middle School will then begin on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2023 so that this is well established upon our return to school in Term 6.

We are incredibly excited to be able to provide this learning opportunity for our children. Last academic year, we were able to offer a scaled down version of this approach to the previous cohort and feedback from parents and children was incredibly positive. This feedback, along with feedback from the current Year 6s regarding how we can best support them in their transition to secondary school, has informed our decision to begin this approach to schooling this year.

Should you have any questions regarding this approach, please contact your child's class teacher.

Thank you for your continued support,

The Year 6 team