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Dear Parents and Carers of children in Year 2

General information for parents and carers of Year 2 children

It was lovely for us to meet with some of you last Tuesday afternoon. Mrs Dowdall, one of our Assistant Headteachers, will be managing KS2 from September. She, with other senior leaders, will be around in the KS2 playground before and at the end of school.

The children will be spending some time this morning in their new classroom with their new teacher. We hope that many of you will be able to come in at the end of school today to see the classroom and meet the teacher.

Here are the main points we talked about last Tuesday, which I hope will help to give you some context about Year 3 for September:

What we have been doing so far to help children transfer well: Children have been spending Wednesday morning playtimes in the KS2 playground, plus Monday lunchtimes on the KS2 field. Their Y2 teachers will take them for a walk round the whole of KS2 this week, when they will have the chance to go upstairs to see the Y5/6 classrooms also! Y2 teachers will have handover time with the new Y3 teachers; Ms Evans is also closely involved in supporting a smooth transfer for children with additional needs.

Start of the school day: We will unlock the gates to the KS2 playground at 8.45am, ready for children to come into school from 8.50am. Bikes/scooters should be left in the bike sheds in the KS2 playground. Children will go into school in the same 'soft start' way as we have been doing across school this year. The gates will be locked at 8.55am. If you have any messages to pass on to the teacher first thing, it really helps if you can let the office know, so they will pass the message on directly to the class teacher. Children attending Breakfast Club will be brought to class by one of the Teaching Assistants who work in the Club.

End of the school day: Remember that the new time for the end of the school day is 3.25pm! Children who go to After-School Club will go there directly from the classroom just before 3.25pm; the class teacher will bring out the rest of the class to the playground. They will come to the same place each day, which makes it easier to dismiss children safely. Children in KS2 can be allowed to go home on their own, although this is not usually the case for children in Year 3. However, you may want your child to come round to the KS1 playground to meet you if you have younger children to collect – if so, please do let the class teacher know. As is usual practice anyway, please let the office know if there is someone else collecting your child on a particular day. You will be able to catch up briefly with teachers at the end of the school day if you need to.

Things to bring into school: Water bottles and book bags are daily essentials! Water in classrooms is drinking quality, so bottles can be filled up during the day. Children are encouraged to read daily at home, so always having their book bag with them will mean that they can keep up a good level of reading throughout the week and change books frequently.

PE: Children in KS2 have not been getting changed for PE this past year, but have come to school wearing clothing/footwear suitable for doing PE in. We expect that this will be the arrangement for September, but will communicate exactly what is happening when a final decision is made.

Lunchtime: KS2 lunchtime is from 1.00pm – 1.50pm. Year 3 children go into lunch first at 1.00pm. You will be aware that from Y3, the universal entitlement to a free school meal for children in EYFS-Year 2 stops. If you have not applied for Free School Meals, but think your child may be entitled, please contact Mrs Black in the school office to find out more. School meals are paid for using your Pay360 account which you will have used to pay for school trips.

Playtime: KS2 playtime is from 11.30am – 11.45am. It's quite a long time morning, so initially, Year 3 teachers will plan in a short runaround for the children to break up the morning. The Government free fruit scheme also stops at Y2, so we do encourage children to bring fruit or vegetables for a playtime snack – fresh or dried fruit, or vegetables such as tomatoes/carrots/cucumber are all popular! We don't allow things such as fruit winders or cereal bars.

One last thing – please do name clothing / book bags / water bottles – it really helps to reunite lost items with their owners!

We are very much looking forward to welcoming our new Year 3s into KS2 from September!

Kind regards

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