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Dear Parents/Carers,

As we get near the end of this school year I wanted to write and share some information ready for when we return in September. To support transition over the summer information will be available on the school website under the 'Year Pages' tab and early next term each year group will provide further guidance about what areas of the curriculum are being taught and how you can help.

Some children will be starting a new Key Stage in September which will mean a change to some of the arrangements.

Children moving from Reception to Year 1

As the children join Year 1 we encourage them to become more independent and this continues as they go through the school. They will be expected to come into school on their own, saying goodbye at the door as they have done in Reception, and then make their way to their cloakrooms and classrooms. A Teaching Assistant will be at the door each morning to speak to if you need to pass a message to the class teacher. At the end of the day they will be dismissed by their teacher and handed over to an adult who has permission to collect them. Older siblings or those under 18 are not allowed to collect unless prior permission has been granted by the Headteacher in exceptional circumstances.

In Key Stage 1 the children will still receive a free snack at morning break and are entitled to a free school meal each day.

Children moving from Year 2 to Year 3

Children in Year 3 are left at the outside doors and make their own way into their classrooms. They are no longer provided with a snack at morning break so can bring in something healthy to have, for example, a piece of fresh or dried fruit or vegetables. They also are not eligible for a free school meal so if the children have these they must be paid for through Pay 360.

At the end of the day the children are brought onto the KS2 playground by their teacher and dismissed. Year 3 are escorted round by the teacher and stay with them until they see the person picking them up in the playground but they are not handed over in the same way as in KS1.

Change of course is, and will always be, a normal part of life and our role is to enable children to build resilience.

Some helpful tips for helping your to move on: (adapted from various sources)

- ✓ *Start talking to your child about the fact that they will be moving to a new class or school now if you haven't already. Information is on the 'Year Group Pages' tab on the school website.*
- ✓ *Keep the conversation casual and focused on the positives.*
- ✓ *Talk about change as a positive, exciting opportunity.*
- ✓ *Avoid expressing your own doubts, negative thoughts or anxieties to your child.*
- ✓ *Remember that if we try to provide too much certainty and comfort, we are getting in the way of children being able to develop their own problem-solving skills. Overprotecting children from difficult or uncomfortable situations only fuels their anxiety.*
- ✓ *If children tell you they are anxious/worried, normalise their feelings. Talk about how you sometimes feel this way too and that it's ok to feel this way. Help your child to develop resilience by talking through strategies to*

manage their worries. Help them to challenge negative thinking. For example, you might remind them of how they made new friends last year or talk through how to ask someone to play etc.

- ✓ Remind them that feelings come and go. We can't stop them coming but we can choose how we look at them.
- ✓ Give your child opportunities to share their feelings about their new class/school by drawing pictures or writing messages to a family member or to a favourite toy.
- ✓ Prepare your child (and yourself) for the routines for getting to school and back home: tell them what the plan is clearly, including childcare arrangements.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Peter Allen
Headteacher

School Times from 1st September 2022

8.35am	Gates open
8.45am	Doors open
8.55am	School starts and Registers open – door will close promptly when the bell goes. After this point children must come in via the main office.
3.05pm	Reception finish
3.10pm	KS1 finish
3.15pm	Y3/Y4 finish
3.20pm	Y5/Y6 finish

