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Wednesday 28th June 2023

Whole School Transition Arrangements Term 6 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have been working hard this year on our transition arrangements for all the children across the school. With this in mind, we have created a programme of events to help with transition, with the hope that it will help lessen the anxiety and worry some children have about moving to a new class.

Below are a list of key dates, which will describe the transition work that will take place. Please refer to the relevant sections for your child.



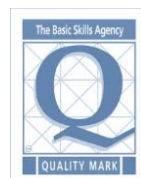
All children will be told today who their new class teacher and Teaching Assistant is for September. This will be shared through a class circle time to allow children to ask any questions they may have about the new class. Today too, a member of staff from their new class will come and visit the children and read them a story, so that the children can begin to put names to faces. A letter will also be sent home to all parents/carers this afternoon from Miss Gobell sharing this information.



Over the following weeks, there will be plenty of opportunities for all children to form greater bonds with their new class teacher and Teaching Assistant. Children will be encouraged to go and celebrate their work with the new class teacher/TA, teachers/TAs may pop up for story time at the end of the day, TAs may come and lead an intervention with your child(ren) or hear the children read. The teachers and TAs of the year group will also send home with the children a welcome pack to start their new year group. This will be given to all children by the end of term 6.



The whole school transition morning will take place on **Thursday 6th July**. Children will start registration in their current class and then move to their new classroom for the morning. They will spend the morning working with their new teacher and Teaching Assistant, and then will return to their own classroom after lunchtime.





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Teachers and Teaching Assistants will also be meeting with your child's previous class Teacher and TA during the term and will pass over information about your child, which may be relevant to help them settle quickly in their new classroom environment. Children who are particularly vulnerable to transition are already being considered, and teachers are working on individualised programmes for these children. If you are concerned that your child may be anxious about the move to their new class, please speak to the current class teacher.



On **Wednesday 19th July**, at the end of the school day (**3pm – 3:30pm**), parents and carers are invited to come into their child's current classroom to look at and take home with them, their children's books, as well as looking at projects that the children have been working on through the year. Please note that if your child is currently in year 5, that their books will be kept in school until after the 11+ and will be returned to you all by the October half term. During the visit, you are also more than welcome to visit your child's new classroom so you know where to go in September at the end of the school day.

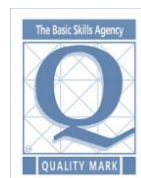
We hope that this programme of events will ensure that all of our children will have a happy and successful transition to their new class. On the next page is an overview, which you may find useful to help support your children. If you do have any concerns around this time of year, please approach your child's current class teacher, who will be able to help support both you and your child.

Thanking you for your continued support and we look forward to seeing you all on the open afternoon on the 19th of July.

Kind regards,

The Social, Emotional, Mental Health (SEMH) Team

(Miss Gobell, Miss Baker, Mrs Alcalá, Mrs Randle and Mrs Wilce-Cordner)





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Whole School Transition Timetable – Overview 2023

EVENT	EYFS	Years 1 and 2	Years 3,4 and 5	Year 6
Told of new class and teacher	28 th June	28 th June	28 th June	
Teacher Story time	28 th June	28 th June	28 th June	
Teachers and TAs visiting their new classes/children	Throughout Term 6	Throughout Term 6	Throughout Term 6	Throughout term 6, secondary schools are visiting pupils in school.
Transition Morning	6 th July	6 th July	6 th July	Most current Year 6 pupils will also on this day be visiting their new secondary schools. Those who are not will be working with the EYFS teachers and other members of staff not allocated to classes.
Collaborative schools transition day				Morning of the 20 th June
Year group welcome pack	By the end of Term 6	By the end of Term 6	By the end of Term 6	
Open afternoon	19 th July	19 th July	19 th July	19 th July
Meet the Teacher Events	September 2023	September 2023	September 2023	New Year 6 September 2023

