

INTERNAL TRANSITION – YEAR 1 TO YEAR 2:

The children will stay with their class group as they move into Year 2. Under normal circumstances the children would be visiting their new teachers and their new classrooms during this half term. As this can't happen this year we have to support their transition as best we can. Please see their new classes and teachers below:

CURRENT YEAR 1 CLASS	CURRENT YEAR 1 TEACHER	NEW YEAR 2 TEACHER
Sycamore	Miss Pendleton	Mr Frascina
Willow	Miss Wilkins/Mrs Sullivan	Mrs Ware
Elm	Mrs Reaney	Mrs Mahamy

TALKING TO YOUR CHILD ABOUT YEAR 2

Remember that this is a going to be a very different transition for your children due to the unusual circumstances. They will naturally have anxieties related to their move into Year 2. It is our shared responsibility as adults to listen carefully to any worries that they have, acknowledge them as real and support them in addressing those worries.

Parents/carers often have lots of questions at this time and you will be no different. Over the years we have found that the best way you can support your child is by listening to their questions, but don't dwell on worries, focus on what we can do to address them.

To start the conversation it is better to use positive language such as:

“What do you think about Year 2?” or

“Have you got any questions about Year 2?”

Rather than negative language such as:

“What are you worried about?”

Try thinking about things that will be the same:

You will have a teacher and other grown-ups to look after you and help you, just like you do in Year 1.

You will be with your friends from class.

You will have your lunch in school, just like in Year 1.

You can still ask to go to the toilet when you need to.

You will play out with your friends, just like you do in Year 1.

There will be learning to do and fun activities, just like you do in Year 1.

WHAT WE ARE PUTTING IN PLACE TO HELP WITH TRANSITION

Week Beginning 8th June

Information to support children transitioning back to school (at whatever point this may be) on the website:

http://www.padlet.com/jholder_llp/goingbacktoschool

Week Beginning 22nd June

Share Year 2 classes with parents/carers

Week beginning 29th June

Year 1 staff meet with Year 2 staff to discuss children and pass on information

Reports go home at the end of this week via email

Week beginning 6th July

Year two teachers to contact families

Week beginning 13th July

Year 1 – Year 2 Transition Books on website

All information about Year 1 handed over to Year 2 staff

Year two teachers to continue to contact families

WHAT WILL HAPPEN IN SEPTEMBER?

We don't know what Government and Local Authority guidance will be in September. Hopefully, I will be able to give you some guidance before we finish in July. It may be that they have to come in on a rota in September depending on health advice at the time.

When the children do return they will go into their Year one class with their current teacher and their new teacher for the first morning and then spend the afternoon in their new Year Two classroom with their new teacher.

Time will be given to children settling back into school and re-establishing routines. Staff will spend time with each child, getting to know them and what their experience of lockdown has been. Once the children feel safe and secure in their new classroom with their new teacher they will be ready to learn. Staff will adjust the curriculum so that the children can demonstrate their knowledge and skills through different activities, before moving onto the full Year 2 Curriculum. Elements of the Year 2 Curriculum will be prioritised to ensure key learning points are given the emphasis that is needed to move the children on. We will be asking you as parents/carers to support us in this by helping your child to complete tasks that are sent home. Next year, your role is going to be crucial. We will need you to reinforce at home, what has been taught in school. The more opportunity that the children have to practise at home, the more they will make progress.

Remember we are working in partnership with you to ensure the best outcomes for your child.