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Dear Parents/Carers,

Further to previous communication, Year 1 are currently engaged in a project called Step into Quality. This is a process that allows us to review current practice, explore research principles, gain parent, pupil and teachers voices to celebrate strengths and identify areas for development. The year 1 staff are well on their way in developing different aspects including the learning environment indoors and, more recently, looking at their outdoor area.

One of the aspects that they consider is transition. This has made us our transition policies and procedures across the entire school.

'Transitions of any kind can be met with either uncertainty or eager anticipation. There are those who find moving on to be exciting and stimulating, people who like change, who thrive on new experience and who have confidence to meet new challenges. ... However, for some children transitions can dredge up old fears and current uncertainties.'

We have used the responses from parental questionnaires, teachers' meetings and pupil surveys to develop our current practice. Our transition work will begin after the Easter holidays. Please see the school [website](#) for the results of the transition parental view.

In the first half term, the current teachers will spend some time with their new class. For example, Year 1 teacher, Mrs Riley, will work with Mrs Beevers in Reception to get to know the children in their current classroom. The staff will discuss the children's strengths and needs, share any individual support plans, and start to build a picture of the children in the class.

On 22nd May 2023, parents and carers will be invited to a 'Meet the teacher meeting.' We will offer two times so parents with siblings should be able to attend both meetings. Prior to the meeting, we will be sending out an 'All about me' form for parents/carers to complete and also suggested questions to be answered in the meeting. This meeting is a lot earlier so that children and parents can prepare for the transition.

Following the half term holiday, on Thursday afternoons, the children will move up to their new classes. New reception and nursery children, Sept 2023, will be invited into school for their transition sessions too. We will no longer have the two days 'Moving up days' at the end of term because the children will have purposeful sessions with their new teachers throughout Summer 2. We are hoping that the high school will be involved in transition sessions with our current year 6 children on these afternoons.

The children will talk about the aspects of their current classroom that they like and design a new part of their classroom that will include for September, create the classroom promises, complete various tasks so the teacher can assess their current ability and have fun getting to know the teacher and class.

Each class will be providing further transition sessions for parents during the second half term. The children will be picked up from their new classes on Thursdays afternoon so this will be a fantastic opportunity for parents and teachers to build relationships. Parents, with children who have additional needs, will have further meetings to work with the class teachers to ensure the children have a smooth transition.

The children will help each other to reduce some anxieties as well. The children love their buddies therefore they will talk to each other. For example, year 3 children will talk to year 2 children about swimming. Reception children will show the new reception around their classroom. Year 6 will talk to Year 5.

To allow all of the above to happen, we have made decisions about class teachers and year groups sooner than we have previously. However, I cannot guarantee that the staffing will not change. Things happen that are out of our control. I appreciate that some parents like the teachers to stay in similar classes but it is great professional development to move year groups so they can see progression through year groups and gain further understanding about how the curriculum moves on. It helps when they support and challenge children. It makes them better teachers. They also like to move for their own careers. One of our key drivers is 'Nurture.' I love seeing staff grow and develop, and sometimes, this means they have to move to new schools.

Teachers for September 2023

- Nursery – Miss Morgan
- Reception – Mrs Beevers
- Year 1 – Mrs Riley
- Year 2 – Mrs Settle/Mrs Berkley
- Year 3 – Mrs Prytherch
- Year 4- Mrs Porter
- Year 5- Mrs Logie/ Mrs Rowlands (current teaching assistant who will complete her teacher training at school next year)
- Year 6 – Mrs Swift

We are hoping to develop the school building internally, in the summer holidays, if the budget allows. The planning of the media hub is coming along too. When I have further confirmation of this, I will provide you with an update.

We aim to give parents with as much information as possible before September however some details will be shared in Autumn like PE and swimming days. I hope you can see the benefits for all with our new approach to transition.

If you have any questions, please come, and speak to me, or the class teachers.

Yours sincerely,



Miss A Smith
Headteacher