



Dear Parents,

Both myself (Mrs Eccles) and Mrs Smith are looking forward to meeting you and your children in September. Mrs Eccles will teach the class Monday to Thursday and Mrs Smith on a Friday. Mrs Younger is our teaching assistant and Mrs Pye will be moving with the children from Year 2.

Ordinarily, in July, we would hold a 'Meet the teacher' session to discuss the transition from Year 2 to Year 3. However, with the current situation, this is not possible so we thought, in preparation for September, it may be helpful to outline some of the main changes.

Your child will now be entering and exiting school through the junior playground doors. Their start and finish times will be sent to you nearer the time. The school day will be similar in format to Year 2 but in the Juniors, we do not have an afternoon break. However, to ease the children into this transition, we do give them a short break midway through each afternoon for the first few weeks.

Your child will no longer be receiving milk and free fruit. However, you are welcome to send in a cereal bar or piece of fruit for a break time snack. Usually, there is the opportunity to purchase toast or crumpets every day for playtime but we will not be providing this service for the first couple of weeks so please look out for more information on that in September.

Information about curriculum topics, PE days and further details regarding homework will be outlined in September. Daily reading for at least 15 minutes will be a key part of homework in Year 3 and children will also be encouraged to read silently every day in school, gradually building up the time they are able to sustain this. Remember, you can continue to access Bug Club at home over the summer and, of course, if you have books at home that are matched to your child's reading ability, please do hear them read these aloud and discuss them together. We would also encourage you to read to your child daily and discuss new and interesting vocabulary.

Finally, although the transition is a big one, especially as most of your children are returning to school after a considerable time at home, we do want to reassure you that we will introduce everything gradually to the children and give them lots of support to begin with whilst they get accustomed to being in the Juniors. Our focus to begin with will be very much on settling the children back into school and ensuring that they feel happy and safe with us. We would like to stress that we are also here for you as parents should you have any queries or worries. We will be coming into the playground at the start and end of the school day so that you will be familiar with our faces and we are happy for you to email us with any questions, either now or in the Autumn term. Please don't hesitate!

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Although these are strange times for us all and we have not been able to do the transition activities we usually would, we hope that we have reassured you and your child that we will do all we can to make the move from Year 2 to 3 as smooth as possible. We are sure that next year is going to be full of exciting and interesting opportunities for all your children and we are looking forward to getting going with the new term in September.

Best wishes,

Clare Eccles and Gemma Smith
Y3 class teachers