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**SEPTEMBER TRANSITION**

Dear Parents and Carers,

First of all, thank you for your patience and understanding with regard to our transition arrangements for September. As you can imagine, it is a logistical difficulty to get this sorted so that it meets the needs of all of our children and their families.

We have come up with a plan that we feel is best for our whole school and we’ll share this with you now, with the caveat that it is subject to change based on infection rates come September.

***Please all note that school will be closed on Wednesday 9th September as an additional INSET, as mentioned in last Friday’s newsletter. This gives us the opportunity for a thorough clean and will aid our transition arrangements.***

We’ll do this by CURRENT year group but please do take a look at the other arrangements to understand the reasons for our decisions...

Our **new nursery children** will begin their staggered start on **Wednesday 9th September** as Nursery will be open on this day.

***CURRENT NURSERY:*** Our new Reception children will begin their staggered start on **Monday 14th September**. We did consider having our current Nursery children return on Monday 7th and having our new intake return the week after. However, we have decided against this for two reasons: Firstly, we are holding our ‘Getting to know you’ meetings with children and parents who haven’t been at our nursery on Thursday 3rd and Zoom meetings for those that have on Friday 4th, which will be happening with Mrs Gilbert, Mrs Saint and Mrs McNutt. To have them then returning to the Nursery for a week would be confusing for our children and we want consistency for all of our new Reception children. Secondly, our current Reception children are returning to their current Reception classes with Mrs Gilbert, Mrs Saint and Mrs McNutt to aid a smooth transition back into school, in line with the rest of the school.

***CURRENT RECEPTION (including Reception children in Mrs McNutt’s class):***  ***:*** You guys will be returning to your current Reception classes (with Mrs Gilbert, Mrs Saint and Mrs McNutt) on **Monday 7th September** and will be in those classes on the Tuesday too. **School is closed on the Wednesday.** On Thursday 10th, you will meet your new teachers and begin the transition to Year 1. By Monday 14th September, you will be in Year 1 with your new teachers.

***CURRENT YEAR 1 (including the Year 1s in Mrs McNutt’s class):***  Will be returning to your current Year 1 classes on **Thursday 3rd September** and will be in those classes on the Friday, Monday and Tuesday too. **School is closed on the Wednesday.** On Thursday 10th, you will meet your new teachers and begin the transition to Year 2. By Monday 14th September, you will be in Year 2 with your new teachers.

***CURRENT YEAR 2:*** You’ll be returning to your current Year 2 teachers on **Thursday 3rd September** and will be in those classes on the Friday, Monday and Tuesday. **School is closed on the Wednesday.** On Thursday 10th, you will begin transition into the juniors! How exciting! Your Year 3 teachers will be coming over to meet you in your classrooms...they’ll talk to you about what you can expect and what you’ll be doing in Year 3 and you’ll have the opportunity to ask any questions. During the day you will be heading over to the Year 3 classrooms (which will have been fully cleaned the day before!) to meet your teachers, to check out the junior playground and hall, and to take a look at your new surroundings. On the Friday 11th September, you’ll be fully fledged juniors and your parents will need to drop you off outside the Hornby building! Don’t worry parents...we’ll give you details of any other changes in due course!

***CURRENT YEAR 3:*** You’ll be returning to your current classes on **Thursday 3rd September** and will be in those classes on the Friday, Monday and Tuesday. **School is closed on the Wednesday.** On Thursday 10th, you’ll be meeting your new teachers and begin to make the permanent move to Year 4!

***CURRENT YEAR 4:*** As Year 3, you’ll be returning to your current classes on **Thursday 3rd September** and will be in those classes on the Friday, Monday and Tuesday. **School is closed on the Wednesday.** On Thursday 10th, you’ll be meeting your new teachers and you’ll be Year 5 pupils by Friday 11th!

***CURRENT YEAR 5:*** You’ll be returning to your current classes on **Thursday 3rd September** and will be in those classes on the Friday too. On the Monday you’ll be meeting with your Y6 teachers to talk about what you can expect and how responsible you’ll be in being role models for the rest of the school! On the Tuesday, you’ll be the leaders of our school (kind of!). **But school is closed for you too on the Wednesday.**

**Because we are staggering start and end times to allow for social distancing, the following start and finish times, and entrance and exit points, apply for each year group/class for the first week of September. Note that because your children will remain in their current classes for the first week or so, their current year group/class applies below. This is all stated in our risk assessment which you will receive early next week.**

***Current Nursery:*** will not be returning until Monday 14th September (other than visits on the 3rd and 4th).

***Current Infant Classes 1, 4 and 7:*** 8.40am until 3.15pm

*(C1 enter through the hall, C4 enter through the middle entrance and C7 enter through the main infant entrance)*

***Current Infant Classes 2, 3, 5 and 6*:** 8.55am until 3.30pm

*(C2 and 3 enter through the hall, C5 enter through the middle entrance and C6 enter through the main infant entrance)*

***Current Years 4 and 6:*** *8.40am – 3.15pm (usual entrances)*

***Current Years 3 and 5:*** *8.55am – 3.30pm (usual entrances)*

***We will let you know if/when these times change following transition and communication will be clear at this point.***

As you can see, we’ve had to think very carefully about how we make this work. We can assure you that it is has been done with our children’s welfare and emotional wellbeing as our main priority and this will be key in how we ‘recover’ over the first few weeks and months of the new academic year. As we said at first, we greatly appreciate your understanding and patience and if you have any questions (or understandable confusion!), please do feel to come and chat to us or give us a call.

Many thanks,

***Mr Parker, Mr Doherty and all of your Urmston Primary staff***