



# **Transition Arrangements Information for Parents**

## **Updated Summer 2016**

Dear Parents

We hope that the following information is helpful in supporting transition as your child moves into his/her new class and or Year Group. There are some areas that are whole school information and other that are class specific.

It goes without saying that coming back to school after the summer break can sometimes be a shock to the system. Getting back into the 'school' routine, children will often be tired at the end of the day in September. This is especially true if a child is moving into a different classroom/and or working with a different teacher. This is when the changes can be particularly emotionally challenging.

## **WHOLE SCHOOL**

### **At the beginning of the day**

- The register will be taken at the start of the school day, at 9.00am. Children are allowed into their classrooms from 8.50am (or 8.30 if using the Early Drop-off – Tuesday and Thursday or Quick Fitness – Monday, Wednesday and Friday).
- As your children move through the school they will be becoming more independent. From Reception, where at the beginning of the year, we actively encourage parents to bring children into the classroom, by Year 1 there is an expectation that parents drop children off at the front picket gate so that they can take responsibility for putting their belongings away and settling down to morning start activities. This helps with congestion in the corridor areas of the school and also if there are lots of parents in the classroom at the beginning of the day, it can be quite intimidating for children to enter the room.
- Should you need to speak to the class teacher they will be available at 8.50am. At this time there will be children coming into school so this is an opportunity to pass on a brief message. Longer discussions are better at the end of the school day. Please contact the School Office or your child's class teacher to arrange an appointment.
- Children who arrive late – after 9.00am, must be signed in by a parent or responsible adult at the school office.
- If your child is unwell please contact the School Office to let us know as soon as possible so that we can let your child's class teacher know. Attendance plays a fundamental role in your child's progress and achievement. If children are not in school then they will not have the same learning opportunities as their peers. The national target for attendance is 96%. Attendance is closely monitored at Stanton and attendance below 95% will be followed up via a discussion with the Headteacher and if required, the Education Welfare Officer.

## During the day

- The children are encouraged to continue developing their independence – selecting books, handing in homework, Travel Cards, communication from home, lunch money, having correct equipment and kit for their lessons. This also includes being responsible for anything they bring into school.
- Water bottles are required for children in Year 1 upwards – please send one in with your child's name on it. Your child will take it home on Friday for washing and will need to bring it back on Monday.
- There is a 15 minute morning playtime.
- Children continue reading individually with an adult and in guided groups.
- The children need book bags and small bags for PE and daily equipment.
- Children will have allocated tables at lunchtimes.
- Offers of parental help are still much appreciated! Reading, supporting in the class, class trips – thank you!

## Moving into Key Stage 1

- The morning session finishes at 12.00 for Darling and Nile Class and the end of the school day is 3.00pm.
- Universal Infant Free School Meals (hot lunches) continue.
- Afternoon school still starts at 1.00pm.
- There are 15 minute morning and afternoon playtimes. The afternoon break is a flexible time, dependent on timetable and the needs of the children on that particular day.
- Children will read both in guided groups with the teacher and individually to an adult. If you have a spare few hours on a regular basis and would like to be a parent helper please speak to Mrs Todd and/or Mrs Bromwich.
- Children continue to develop their independence – selecting books, handing in homework and lunch money, notes for the teacher etc. , having correct equipment and kit for their lessons. This also includes being responsible for anything they bring into school. PE kit needs to be taken home on a Friday for washing and brought back on Monday.
- The children need book bags and small bags for PE kit.
- The children receive a piece of fresh fruit daily.
- Whilst Home Learning tasks will be sent home, the style and expectation of tasks will be slightly different to the EYFS, but still age and curriculum appropriate. You may find some of the tasks to be of a more formal style. Pick and Mix will remain, however, if it is difficult to manage the core tasks in addition to the more creative Pick and Mix, then we would much prefer you to spend regular time – little and often, practicing those basic core skills of reading, phonics/spellings, writing and number bonds/tables.

## Moving into Key Stage 2

- Amazon and Rhine Class finish their morning session at 12.10 and end the school day at 3.05pm.
- There is no afternoon break in KS2, although teachers do sometimes take their class out for a quick 'brain/fresh air break' as required.
- For snack, children can bring in a piece of fruit or vegetable to eat at Morning Break as they no longer receive a piece of fruit/vegetable from the Government Scheme - no chocolate coated biscuits, crisps or cereal bars are permitted.
- Children use the school grounds for outdoor learning opportunities, however if KS1 are not going to the woods then KS2 leap at the chance! Please make sure your child has a waterproof coat in school every day.
- Children continue to read both individually and in guided groups. Again, if you have a spare few hours on a regular basis and would like to be a parent helper please speak to Mrs Matthews/Mrs Weston and/or Mr Lawrence.
- PE kits must be in school every day, this includes tracksuit bottoms and sweatshirts for outdoor PE in school uniform colours.
- If your child does not have the correct PE kit in school parents may be notified – we appreciate your support in this matter.
- Home Learning activities will be set each week. These will support in class learning.