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Dear Parents and Carers,

Re: Transition

As you will be aware from last week's newsletter, we are looking to change the way in which we transition the children from one year to the next. This is in response to the higher levels of anxiety that the children are experiencing since returning from Covid. We believe a longer, more in-depth transition will help the children to settle quickly in their new year group and alleviate some of the worries and concerns that may develop over the Holidays.

Traditionally we would have a moving up morning in June to coincide with the Year 6 induction days at their secondary school. It is important to state that Year 6 transition will remain the same. The children will be expected to attend their new secondary schools on the dates and times as set out by them in their communications to you. Farnham Heath End induction days are on Tuesday 27th and Wednesday 28th June and children should go straight there, in their Hale uniform, on both of those days.

We are also not making any changes to our new to Reception transition, children will be expected to come in for their stay and play session on Wednesday 28th June as per the letter that has been sent to all new to Reception parents.

The changes that we are making are therefore for children currently in Year R, 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5:

Wednesday 28th June

- New class teacher to meet their new class in their existing classroom with their existing staffing for a story/meet and greet.
- An email will go to parents informing them of which teacher their child has for next academic year.

3rd July- 14th July

- Children who are going to a different playground for play time in September to move to that area from today, supported by class staff.

Wednesday 5th July

- Children to have a treasure hunt activity in their new classroom overseen by their current teachers and staff.
- Transition staff meeting - teachers talking about each of the children's strengths, personalities, like and dislikes, sharing EHCP information, level of need etc.



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Friday 7th July

- Moving up morning for the children in their new class with their new teacher.
- Parents will be sent a link to a Microsoft FORM for parents to complete with any information you wish to share with the new class teacher about your child.

Monday 17th July

- Letter sent to children from their new class teacher.

Friday 14th July

- Children will be emailed/sent home with a transition booklet showing pictures of their classroom and the staff in their year group.

17th July - 20th July

- Children will meet their teachers from 3.00- 3.20pm every day to share a story and have fun team building activities.

The above plan will be in place for all of the children, but we are aware that some children will require more support and they will have their own plans in place that outlines a more bespoke transition.

If you do have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact your child's current class teacher in the first instance.

Kind regards,

Clare Freeman



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