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Dear Parents and Carers,

Reception – Year 5 Transition Update

It is still difficult for us all to believe that the majority of our pupils are still not at school and we are not together to end the academic year. We understand that you and your child will have a mixture of emotions and I can confirm that staff are equally upset and frustrated as it's a very special time on our school calendar too. Unfortunately, we have not been able to open school more widely this term because of the current guidance of social distancing. However, we want to reassure you that we have been working hard behind the scenes and this will continue as staff liaise with each other to share important information about your child to support them in moving to their new teacher and learning environment.

As you can appreciate our transition plans will need to be very different this year as most of our children are not currently in school and social distancing and other guidance restricts meetings on site and additional visitors. We are also extremely aware that your child may feel anxious given they have missed a considerable amount of 'in school' learning and will inevitably have lots of questions.

We hope that the following transition arrangements will go some way to easing your child's (and possibly your) anxieties around transition in these unusual circumstances.

- Current class teachers will be facilitating a Zoom 'Farewell Picnic' session; this will provide an opportunity for the children to reminisce about their time in the current year group and lockdown memories
- Activities on Google Classroom/Tapestry for week commencing 13th July will provide opportunities to promote reflectiveness about the past year and to support the children with their emotions regarding moving on in September
- New class teachers will be introducing themselves through a short clip so that you can share this with your child; this is an opportunity for your child to become increasingly familiar with their new teacher
- A Zoom session will be organised with your child's new class teacher; this will provide an opportunity for the class teachers to introduce themselves personally as well as an opportunity for your child to introduce themselves. They might like to think of something they would like to tell their class teacher about themselves
- Story time is such a precious time for both children and adults so each class teacher will be sharing a pre-recorded story time session. Reading is at the heart of our curriculum and we love books! We would like the children to love books as much as we do
- Finally, your child will be receiving a letter from their new class teacher/s and teaching assistant. We hope that this will offer the children some comfort at this strange time

I appreciate that this is not the end of the school year that any of us would have wanted, but please be assured that the staff team are doing their very best to support your child at this time. As always, if you have any further questions please do contact school. We will be providing further details regarding the Zoom sessions shortly.

The information on the following page gives details of which class your child will be in next year.

With kindest regards and very best wishes

J Cutbush

Mrs J Cutbush
Headteacher

Assistant Headteachers: Mrs J. Taylor & Mrs S. Clamp





CLASSES OF 2020-2021

	<u>2019-2020</u>			<u>2020-2021</u>
Reception – Class 1	Mrs O’Donnell	→	Year 1 – Class 3	Mr Topliss
Reception – Class 2	Mrs Harrald	→	Year 1 – Class 4	Mrs Atkinson
Year 1 – Class 3	Mr Topliss	→	Year 2 – Class 5	Miss Pain
Year 1 – Class 4	Miss Pain	→	Year 2 – Class 6	Miss Lomas
Year 2 – Class 5	Mrs Atkinson	→	Year 3 – Class 7	Miss Brown
Year 2 – Class 6	Miss Lomas	→	Year 3 – Class 8	Mrs Hutchinson
Year 3 – Class 7	Mrs Brandrick and Mrs Clark	→	Year 4 – Class 9	Mr Russell
Year 3 – Class 8	Mr Chapman	→	Year 4 – Class 10	Mrs How
Year 4 – Class 9	Mrs Hutchinson	→	Year 5 – Class 11	Mrs Brandrick and Mrs Clark
Year 4 – Class 10	Mr Russell	→	Year 5 – Class 12	Mr Chapman
Year 5 – Class 11	Mrs McCombe and Mrs Wharton	→	Year 6 – Class 14	Mrs Clamp and Mrs Baxter
Year 5 – Class 12	Miss Brown	→	Year 6 – Class 13	Mrs McCombe and Mrs Marshall-Gee

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