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Year 1 to Year 2 transition

Dear Parents and Carers,

As a school our policy is usually to mix the classes going from Reception into Year 1. However, we didn't do this last year because of the disruption caused to the children's education due to COVID and as a result of this decision the children had a really smooth transition to Year 1 in September 2021.

The positive start to Year 1 has continued and the children have done so well in year 1, making progress in their learning and strengthening friendships.

Therefore, the classes will remain the same for the children's transition to Year 2. And Year 3, if they transition to Hampton Junior school. At the end of Year 3 the children are mixed going into Year 4.

We want the children to move into Year 2 feeling confident, safe and secure. One of the ways we can help to ensure this is the case for September is by keeping a sense of familiarity for the children by keeping them with their peers in the same class. This then allows us to facilitate a smooth transition into Year 2.

In the last couple of weeks of this term, each class will have a focus on transition to Year 2. The children will see lots of photographs of the Year 2 classrooms, toilets, playground as well as the staff in year 2. The Year 2 class teachers will be visiting the children in their classes as well as creating a video for their class where they introduce themselves and read a story. These will be available on our home support site in July. There will also be lots of information on the routines and structures in Year 2 which we will share with the children as part of the transition focus and should also be reinforced by families at home.

Our transition across the school holds children at the centre, with a clear understanding of their social, emotional and intellectual needs, ensuring they have the most positive journey through our school.

Yours sincerely,

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