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Dear Parents / Carers,

In-school transition opportunities for children in Year 2

I hope this letter finds you well during these challenging times.

We wrote to you recently with information regarding the induction process for your child as part of the Year 2 to Year 3 transition to Cupernham Junior School. Since our earlier letter, we have been exploring potential ways in which we could create some 'face-to-face' time in school for those children who haven't yet been able to come back into school since it closed on March 23rd. Part of this process has also considered the potential for Year 2 children to visit us, see their new classroom and meet their new classteacher.

With this in mind, we have taken the decision to end the Year 6 provision in school on Friday 10th July in order to be able to offer some face to face time in school for children in Years 3, 4 and 5 as well to children from Year 2 before the summer holidays.

Why is this time in school important?

The COVID-19 restrictions have been a huge challenge to everyone, with children being particularly vulnerable to the emotional impact they have caused. Every child at school had normality snatched away from them when their school closed in March; their day to day contacts with friends, their routines and the face-to-face learning and pastoral support of their teachers. In the case of Year 2 children, they now face the additional challenge of moving into a school with different staff.

Therefore, every child needs the chance to look ahead to prepare for what will come next. Whilst there is still some uncertainty as to exactly what this will look like in September, we can nevertheless ensure we have shared with them what will be in place, in particular the staff they will be working with and the room in which they will be based. Giving each child this opportunity will significantly reduce any potential anxiety they may have in advance of the new term.

When can my child visit?

During the penultimate week of term, beginning on the 13th July, we will be inviting Year 2 children into school on one of the afternoons for a two hour induction visit. The visits will be in very small groups (no more than 8 children) so that we can ensure appropriate social distancing. Enhanced hygiene arrangements will be in place such as the use of hand gel before coming into the building and regular handwashing. This will all be done in a very 'child-friendly' way.

The visits will be hosted by the classteacher your child will be having in September and they will take place in their future classroom. **Specific details relating to your child's dates and times will be sent to you as soon as we have been able to finalise these groupings with the Infant School staff.**

Whist the visit may only be for a couple of hours, we nevertheless believe that it will give your child an excellent opportunity to get a feel for our school before the summer break.

In the meantime, if you have any queries about the visit, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

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