



MEADGATE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Transition Arrangements for the Next Academic Year

Dear Parents/Carers

I hope that you are well and staying safe during these times.

I am writing to you regarding your child's transition into their next academic school year. As you know we have offered you and your child the opportunity to have a telephone conversation or video conference with their current class teacher and we are pleased that many of you have taken the opportunity to do this. Teachers will be sending out details to you over the next few weeks in preparation for the first meeting on 1st July 2020.

We are following the government's guidance about the phased reopening of schools, ensuring that children remain in small, consistent groups, and as a result we have limited availability of staff to teach other year groups as they are already linked to a pod of children in the government's eligible year groups. However, from Monday 29th June we are able to offer two days a week to each year 2 pupil because we have created further capacity within our teaching team. We have spent a great deal of time, debating plans, discussing ideas and drawing up alternative plans in how we can open the school further and every time we still do not have enough teachers to teach further pods of children. Please note that as some teachers are teaching pods of children in school for four days a week the home learning offer will be slightly reduced.

Please note that from Monday 29th June Miss Laurence will be working with both pods of reception children and Mrs North will be working with the Thursday and Friday Year 1 pod of children.

We are concerned that the children will not be able to meet their new teacher in school time before the start of the new academic year as a result of their new teacher working in a pod with other year groups during the day. We have therefore planned an open afternoon style event which will take place after school for every year group to meet their new teacher. At this event the teacher will meet with 15 children and their parents (1 per child please) on the school field and will work through a brief presentation about the next academic year following social distancing guidelines. There will then be a fifteen minute break and the next 15 children and their parent arrive. Please note that if your children attend the key worker group they will also be invited to join the session. If the weather is terrible we will also need to postpone the event.

The following information outlines the dates and times for each meet the teacher transition session.

Reception children surname A - M will meet Mrs Ash and Mrs North on Monday 13th July at 3.15pm – 4.00pm.

Reception children surname N - Z will meet Mrs Ash and Mrs North 13th July at 4.15pm – 5.00pm.

Year 1 children surname L - Z will meet Mrs Francis and Mrs Pietersen on Thursday 16th July at 3.00pm – 3.45pm.

Year 1 children surname A - K will meet Mrs Francis and Mrs Pietersen on Thursday 16th July at 4.00pm – 4.45pm.

Year 2 children surname A - L will meet Mrs Mbonye on Wednesday 15th July at 3.00pm – 3.45pm.

Year 2 children surname M - Z will meet Mrs Mbonye on Wednesday 15th July at 4.00pm – 4.45pm.

Year 3 children surname A - H will meet Ms Devenish on Tuesday 14th July at 3.15pm – 4.00pm.

Year 3 children surname J - Z will meet Ms Devenish on Tuesday 14th July at 4.15pm – 5.00pm.

Year 4 children surname A - K will meet Mrs Benefield on Friday 17th July at 3.15pm – 4.00pm.

Year 4 children surname L - Z will meet Mrs Benefield on Friday 17th July at 4.15pm – 5.00pm.

Year 5 children surname A - H will meet Ms Pateman on Wednesday 15th July at 1.00pm – 1.45pm.

Year 5 children surname M - Z will meet Ms Pateman on Wednesday 15th July at 2.00pm – 2.45pm.

The school will be closed to all pupils on Monday 20th July and Tuesday 21st July but home learning will still be posted on the school website for all year groups.

We very much hope that you will join us for the transition, meet the teacher events and we look forward to seeing you all again soon.

Many thanks and stay safe



Mr Joseph Figg
Executive Headteacher