



Mesne Lea Primary School

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Transition

“Transition is a tricky time for all children but it will be especially challenging this year. A good transition can mean the difference between floundering and flourishing, so it is crucial to get it right. Transition puts enormous demands on to children – socially, linguistically, emotionally, academically and practically.”

Dear Parents/ Carers,

I just want provide you with an update on our preparations for transition, in order to ensure your child's moves smoothly into their new class for September. The following activities have already taken place:

- Pupil Progress meetings to identify what support arrangements need to be implemented for September
- Staffing has been carefully considered to ensure continuity and consistency for pupils with additional needs
- Handover meetings between the current class teacher and the new class teacher to discuss each individual child and to ensure that new staff are fully briefed

In addition to this, we will be holding a transition morning on **Tuesday 20th July** at 9:15am -11:30am for Reception and Year 1 and 9.15am - 12:00pm for Years 2 to Year 6. The aim of the event is to provide pupils with the opportunity to meet their new class teacher and the additional adult(s) who they will be working with in September.

During their transition morning the whole school will **be using the same book** as a stimulus for the transition day and the first two weeks back in school. The theme for the autumn term is COMMUNITY, which links to our whole school project on diversity. Each year group has been assigned an element of the book "The Barnabus Project" to share with their new class and to discuss. The children will complete a task linked to the book, which will be incorporated into a corridor display in September. This will ensure that children will return to a vibrant learning environment, where they can see their work displayed.

COVID Restrictions:

- Breaktimes will be staggered
- Staff will be expected to clean workstations before and after use
- Staff will remain socially distanced from the children by staying in the teacher's zone
- Children will take their individual pencil cases/ resources

Pupils with additional needs will receive a transition booklet, which will be sent home for them to refer to over the summer holidays.



We are optimistic that everything will have returned to normal in September, however, if this changes we will contact by the end of August.

If you have any queries or concerns, please contact the main school office, who will be happy to help you in this matter.

Thank you for your understanding during this very difficult time.

Best wishes

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "A. Nelson". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Ms A Nelson
Headteacher