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Dear Parents and carers

Year 2 Transition Arrangements

We very much look forward to your child joining us in September and wanted to write to you at this stage regarding some transition arrangements.

Following half term and if the current lifting of restrictions continues, we anticipate as in previous years, that all the Year 2 children will be coming up to the school with their current teachers to watch the Year 6 production and begin to feel more at home in our setting.

Over the dates of June the 28th, 29th and 30th, we will be inviting all children to visit Whitehill after school with a parent or carer, where they will get a tour in a small group of about 6 children, with a member of the leadership team. This is your opportunity to ask any questions and have a good look around. You will also get to meet your Year 3 teacher.

We started this last year in the midst of the restrictions and felt it was actually a much better way of talking through transition as opposed to a presentation in the hall which some of you may have experienced in the past.

Some children who may find transition more of a challenge will, in addition, be coming in small adult led groups with a member of the Highbury support staff, to visit classrooms and common spaces and to take photographs of the new environment that can be shared in a booklet with you and others.

Due to the restrictions Covid placed on transition last year, our website now has a wealth of other transition information for you to browse with your child. This includes a tour of the school, tours of the Year 3 classrooms, videos from the teachers and information from support staff. There is also a place for useful information such as that relating to uniform, for example.

Towards the end of the school year, Highbury teachers will be once again be giving your child a copy of the transition booklet that we do year on year. Please take time to complete this with your child and return it in September to your child's new class teacher. It is such a lovely opportunity for children at the start of term to share this with the teacher and begin to form the trusting bonds that we believe lead to the individual's pastoral and academic success. In addition, it might be useful to know that the September term always begins with a "soft start" a couple of weeks of team building and creative opportunities to allow the classes and adults to settle and gel.

We hope that you find this information useful and we will be in touch again to allocate the small group visit slot in June. In the meantime enjoy a lovely half term break.

Kind regards,

Steve Mills
Headteacher

