

# ABBOTSWOOD JUNIOR SCHOOL

'Helping everyone achieve their best'



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'It Really Does Matter'

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> May

## The Abbotswood Junior School Transition Project

Dear Parents/Carers,

Following on from our recent welcome letter, we are writing to give you further details about three key opportunities for your Year 2 child to visit our school if they have been offered a place to start with us in September. The aim of the visits is to allow your child to familiarise themselves with the school and to give them the opportunity to make some new friends, meet their new teacher and visit their new classroom.

### We would like to invite your child to join us on:

**Wednesday 17th June**

**Time: 3.45pm – 4.45pm**

**Activity: Meeting Mr Humphries (Year 3 Leader)**

Because your child is not coming from one of our main feeder schools, it may be that they do not know many other children in the school. To allow them to build their confidence, we would like to invite the children coming to us from other schools in the area to a small, 'getting to know you' session where they will have the opportunity to go on a tour of the school and meet Mr Humphries.

**Please note, you will need to make arrangements to drop your child off and pick them up on this date. Please bring your child to the front gate at 3.45pm and be ready in the front car park to pick them up at 4.45pm.**

**Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> June**

**Time: 9.30 -11.00am**

**Activity: Visiting Abbotswood for part of a morning**

Your child will visit Abbotswood for part of the morning where they will meet our Year 3 children and explore the school.

*Your child will also:*

- Meet some of the existing Year 3 teachers.
- Meet Tommy, our school dog!
- Experience a break time.

Please ensure your child brings a **snack and a water bottle** with them.

**Please note, you will need to make arrangements to drop your child off and pick them up on this date.**

**Please also ensure your child brings a snack and a water bottle with them on this day.**

On the afternoon of **Wednesday 1st July**, you will receive a letter informing you and your child of who their Year 3 class teacher will be.

## Thursday 2nd July

**Time: 9.30 am – 2.15 pm**

**Activity: Move Up Day**

Your child will spend the day with their new teacher and class. Please bring your child to the front gate at 9.30 am. Then, please be ready to pick your child up from the front playground, where you dropped off, at 2.15 pm. Members of staff will be on hand to direct you to your child's class line.

Please complete this short, online form to inform us of their lunch choice on the day: [Move Up Day Lunch Choice Form](#)

If your child has dietary requirements that mean they access a specialist menu, it is important that you specify this on the form. **The deadline to submit your child's lunch choice is Monday 22nd June.**

### **Friendship Choice Form**

If you have not done so already, please identify three friends who your child will be happy to share a class with next year by clicking on this link: [Friendship Choice Form](#) . We cannot guarantee that all of their choices will be in their class but **we will guarantee that one child of their choice will be placed in the same class as them.** Please ensure that this questionnaire is completed and returned by **12.00pm on Thursday 21st May.**

### **Parent Information Evening**

We will be hosting a parent information evening on **Thursday 2nd July 5.30pm - 6.30pm** to provide you with more information about your child's new school. You will meet the school's leadership team and your child's new teacher. We understand the difficulties linked to arranging childcare but we would like to advise you that this event is aimed at parents and carers only. More information will be provided in a separate letter nearer the time.

Please join our dedicated transition Facebook group which can be accessed by clicking on this link: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/y2transition>

We know that this is a very exciting and possibly anxious time for your child hence why we put a lot of effort and time into the transition process. We look forward to meeting your child on the above dates.

Yours sincerely,



Mr E Humphries

Year 3 Leader



Mrs S Vigar

Assistant Headteacher/SENDCo