



Saint Jude's

Catholic Primary School

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27th June 2014

Dear Parents

Transition to new Year Groups

This is the time of year when everyone is talking about moving to their next class, so I wanted to let you know how we will organise your child's transition this year.

As you know, a child's transition to their new class can be both exciting and worrying for them; we do all that we can to minimise the worries children have. This year I have decided to arrange your child's move to their new teacher and class in a different way, as a **two week transition** period, this side of the summer holiday.

From Monday 7th July, your child will move permanently to their new year group.

Their last day with their current teacher will be Friday 4th July.

This longer transition period is being implemented because:

1. Many children worry during the summer holidays about their new teacher. Working with them this side of the holiday will ease their worries during the summer.
2. Many children worry about moving from one Key Stage to another eg Year 2 to Year 3. Getting used to their new classroom will help them to settle faster in September.
3. Working with your child for a longer period of transition enables their new class teacher to get to know them better, enabling them to provide appropriate, challenging activities which motivate your child from the first day in September.
4. Over the Summer Holiday, children can often 'forget' how good they were at doing their work, so it can take a some time in September for their new teacher to understand a child's real ability. Working with your child this side of the holiday will enable their new teacher to see what their best work is like, enabling them to challenge your child appropriately right from the first day in September.
5. Your child will get a head-start into their new curriculum, helping them to make even more progress and achieve their full potential.

As you can see, the benefits of an early transition are many. I hope you will be supportive of this new, exciting initiative, which is aimed at ensuring your child thrives on their return to school in September. Please do come in and talk to either myself or Mrs Smith if you have any worries.

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The children have found out today who their new teacher will be. For your information, next year the teaching staff will be deployed as follows:

Class	Teacher	Teaching Assistant
Reception	Miss Ryan	Mrs Hollingworth
Year 1	Miss Truman	Miss Gannon Mrs Clay
Year 2	Mrs Cape	Miss Austin
Year 3	Miss Ferrante	Miss Dean
Year 4	Mr McGarrigle	Mrs Ryder
Year 5	Mrs Davis	Mrs Joita
Year 6	Miss Flanagan	Mrs Cox

Non-class based support will be provided by Mr Brownhill, Mrs Emery and Mrs Buckley.

I know the children are very excited about their move to their new class and are all looking forward to the last few weeks of school.

Yours sincerely

M R Tipping
Headteacher

