

June 2022

Dear parents and families,

**Re: Transition & Move Up, Stay Up (MUSU)**

Transition Day – Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> July

On Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> July all children will be moving up to their new classes for the day. There will be no changes to the start and end times of the day and the children will begin and end their day in their current class.

We are pleased to say that this year we will be running Move Up, Stay Up (MUSU) again to support our children's transition to their new classes.

What is MUSU?

MUSU is a strategy to support transition between each year group and to reduce any anxiety, whereby classes move up to their new teacher and classroom in July, rather than waiting for September. Teachers and school staff will get to meet their class and have the classrooms set up in readiness. Pupils will know where their classroom is and which staff will be working with them and will have already learnt the new routines, prior to the summer holidays. This ensures the return to school in September is smooth for all. This model provides a longer transition period which benefits all pupils and allows staff to ensure they understand each individual pupil's needs prior to September, to enable them to support them even more effectively. This we feel is especially important given the inconsistency in education the pupils have had due to lockdowns over the last year or so and the impact on mental health.

When is MUSU?

MUSU will begin on Monday the 11<sup>th</sup> of July. In cases where new staff may be joining us for September, some classes may not be taught by their new teacher for the entirety of MUSU. In these cases, these classes will be taught by an experienced adult who will still focus on settling the pupils into their new class, routines and expectations and will pass on all the information gathered to the class teacher prior to September.

As well as this, we will be running meetings where the current class teacher will be handing information over to the new class teacher to support this transition. The SEN team and the pastoral team will also be involved in handing over information.

What happens during MUSU?

During the week commencing 11<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> July, teachers will teach morning lessons as normal and the afternoon sessions will be focused on our school values, LORIC, British values and SMSC, to support our pupils with their

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transition to their new year groups and the routines of the day. This will allow staff members to set out clear expectations for behaviour, routines, handwriting and presentation, relevant to their new year group.

Year 6 will have a transition package during MUSU in readiness for secondary school, including English and Maths, getting used to different teachers, transition units, well-being work, projects and end of term celebrations.

Class groups will mostly remain as they are with some movement of pupils who staff feel would be better suited to another cohort group or teacher - this will be a discussion with the class teacher, year leader, SENDCO and SLT. This will be shared with you before transition and with clear reasoning explained.

#### What about pick-up and drop-off?

Prior to MUSU, the pupils will be shown their new pick up/drop off points so that any anxiety or worry is reduced. You will then need to collect from their new pick-up and drop-off points from Monday 11<sup>th</sup> July. We will be continuing with our current pick-up/drop-off procedures and routes as this has been a success for us moving out of COVID guidelines and back to normality.

There will be a further letter detailing which classes will be going where and to which teacher and this will also include the pick-up and drop-off locations and timings.

For our SEN and vulnerable pupils, the SEN team and pastoral team will be doing extra transition work and providing support as needed. If you have any concerns about your child and feel they will need additional support, please get in touch with the school via the office email address.

#### Parent Information Presentations

We are very excited to be able to have face to face parent events this year where you will be able to meet your child's new year group team and find out about the year ahead. We have taken on board your preferred times following our recent parent survey look forward to welcoming you in school at the below times. If you are unable to make the event you will be able to see the presentation on the year group pages on our website.

- **Welcome to Year 1 – Monday 11<sup>th</sup> July 5pm**
- **Welcome to Year 2 – Monday 11<sup>th</sup> July 5.45pm**
- **Welcome to Year 3 – Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> July 5pm**
- **Welcome to Year 4 – Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> July 5.45pm**
- **Welcome to Year 5 – Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> July 5pm**
- **Welcome to Year 6 – Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> July 5.45pm**

#### Gifts

We understand that some parents wish to give gifts to their child's class teacher and many teachers wish to give gifts to their pupils also. If you wish to do so, they will need to come in before the 11<sup>th</sup> July with your child. I know that some parents sent email vouchers which were very gratefully received.

More information will be shared shortly around your child's class teacher and classroom.

Yours faithfully,

Miss Cotchin  
Head teacher

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