



## **Bordon Junior School**

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Dear Parents and Carers,

### **Transition**

Following the prime minister's announcement, we now know which set of Covid guidelines we need to follow for our transition activities.

On 8<sup>th</sup> July children will spend the afternoon in their new classroom with their new teachers. Though we are not able to do everything we would like to, we will make sure children are comfortable and familiar with their new classes before they start in September. We will clean the classrooms after the current class go out for lunch and there will be a good 30-minute minutes to ventilate the room before the new classes come in. They will have their own class resources. The classes will be cleaned again at the end of the day. Children can be collected from the same places they are now.

To help the children prepare and to support with our assessments, the teachers are all setting work using Sway which will initially be done with their existing teachers. This will then be picked up on the transition afternoon. Every year teachers pass on details records which cover a wide range of information. If you have specific points you wish to make the new class teacher aware of, please book a Teams meeting through the school office.

### **Year 4 Only**

In normal years we mix up classes at the end of year 4. As they are working well as a group and given the disruption, we are proposing only minimal changes to the classes. This will be explained to the children in year 4 and they will still be asked to identify a friend and someone they work well with. If you have strong views then please make sure your class teacher is aware by Monday 21<sup>st</sup> June, so this can be taken into account. Whilst we cannot promise anything we will always do our best to ensure a happy working environment for all children.

### **Year 6 Only**

On 8<sup>th</sup> July year 6 are spending the morning at Oakmoor School. They will be kept in groups based on their class bubbles and will not be mixing with other students. On return to BJS they will be kept in class bubbles and isolated from all other pupils. Each department at Oakmoor School has also prepared a set of transition lessons which the children will be working on over the next few weeks.

### **Next Year**

In the autumn term there will be an after school meeting to get to know your child's teacher. We will hopefully be able to run open afternoons and are working on additional

opportunities for you to come into class to work alongside your child. This could be in person or through teams.

### **New PE Kit**

Like many other schools we have trialled children coming to school in their PE kits on the days when they have PE lessons. This has had real benefits especially as we do not have changing facilities in school. Each year this has become more and more of an issue and now seems like a good time to make a change. Children would be able to wear their PE kit for the whole day. If their kit has become wet or dirty during the lesson, then they could change into school uniform. This means that 2 days a week they will be wearing PE kit, so we wanted to bring it in line with the rest of school uniform. From September the PE kit will be a smart sports top and plain black shorts. In colder weather children can also wear a plain black tracksuit. It is not appropriate to be wearing branded sports clothing or football kits. We have identified a supplier for the sports top which will be priced at £11. We will soon be sending out details of how you can place an order when we have a live link. You can buy plain black shorts from the same supplier or they can be bought elsewhere.



### **Other News**

School Reports - We are using the same format as last year for the pupil reports and they will be coming out in the last week of term.

Sports Day – We are looking forward to running sports day on 7<sup>th</sup> July, weather permitting. Children will still get to compete but will be remaining in their class bubbles. Unfortunately, we will not be able to invite parents in this year. We will be sharing pictures through Twitter.

Start of Term September 2021 – Monday 6<sup>th</sup> September.

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Chris James". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Chris James