



Sleights Church of England (Voluntary Controlled) Primary School

Working together to be happy; to flourish; to succeed through our Christian Values of perseverance, respect and trust.

July 2020

Transition Arrangements

Dear families,

Over the last few weeks, we have been working hard to welcome a number of families back to school. In September, we are looking forward to welcoming back those children who have continued learning at home.

At this time of the year, we would normally be busy planning and arranging a host of transition activities to support children move from one year group to the next. Ongoing restrictions placed on schools have prevented us from carrying out our usual plans. However, we are now in a position to share our alternative arrangements.

As I have stated previously, it is important to us that children return to school in a settled, familiar way. When the closure of schools was announced, children and families left school with worries about when they would return and what it would be like. I am pleased that for some families, the return in June has addressed these worries. However, I am keen to ensure we can do this again for those children returning in September.

With this in mind, when children return on **Wednesday 9th September 2020**, they will return, for a short period, to their old class and teacher. This will enable children to quickly and calmly settle back into school life and complete some transition activities with their old and new teachers.

Children will then start their 'new' school year on **Monday 21st September**. During the week and a half children will spend with their old class teacher, transition tasks and information sharing will take place, so that the children start their time in the new year in the best possible way.

We hope that we have the support of all families for this short period of transition and think it will really benefit everyone.

What about those children leaving Sleights?

We have a number of children moving to Eskdale or Caedmon to start Year 7. We understand that some transition tasks will be taking place over the summer period. These schools will be writing directly to families to explain their individual arrangements.

What about those children starting Sleights?

We are excited to welcome a number of new children to Reception in September. To support the return to full time schooling, these children will return to Explorers' class (Pre-School), where staff will work closely with individual families to support the return.

We intend to host a new starter meeting on **Monday 14th September, at 2.00pm** for families with children joining our Reception Class. This will be an information sharing session for families, where we hope to share our approach and answer any questions you may have. We will contact new families individually to arrange this and share further details.

How will classes be organised next year?

I am pleased to share the staffing structure for next year below. We continue to provide each class with additional support staff across the school. This will be flexible and be responsive to children's emerging needs.

We are also excited to now be able to offer two year old provision in our Explorers classroom.

Class Name / Year Group	Teacher(s)	Teaching Assistant(s)
Explorers (Pre-School)	Mrs Bland, Mrs Marsay, Miss Idle	
Pioneers (Reception)	Mrs Hann (Monday – Thursday) Mr Grason (Friday)	Mrs McGill
Learners (Year 1)	Mrs Brown Mr Grason (two afternoons)	Mrs Exelby
Adventurers (Year 2)	Mrs Roe (Monday - Wednesday, Friday) Mrs Burton (Thursday)	
Discoverers (Year 3/4)	Mrs Taylor	Mrs Wood Mrs Creek Mr Everall
Leaders (Year 5/6)	Mrs Walker (Monday – Thursday) Mrs Burton (Friday)	

What about uniform?

From September, we ask that all children come to school wearing uniform, following a period of relaxed policy.

We are aware that families may wish to buy new jumpers or cardigans. Due to restrictions in place, we ask that families email headteacher@sleights.n-yorks.sch.uk to place an order to uniform. This may not be available until September, but I will let you know when your order is placed with me.

I hope that this letter helps to lay out the plans for September. If you have any questions or comments about these plans, please do get in touch.

Thank you for your continued support,

Scott Grason
Headteacher