



Dobcroft Junior School

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Transition for Year 3, Year 4 and Year 5 Pupils

Dear Parents and Carers,

As the summer term progresses, we know that thoughts turn to transition and ensuring the children feel as confident and happy as possible regarding moving up into the next year group before we break up for Summer. Plans and preparation for transition into the next academic year is underway behind the scenes at DJS and we just wanted to give parents and carers reassurance and clarity regarding our plans. Below we have captured a snapshot of the summer term transition plans (note that Y2 – Y3 transition plans have been detailed in separate communication). Please also note that the only year group that is having classes mixed is our current Year 4 cohort and this has been communicated separately. Plans for Year 4 specifically are also captured below:

Event	Date	Information
Information sharing and handover meetings between teachers	Summer term 1 and 2	Your child's current teacher/s will have meetings with the next teacher/s to do a thorough handover of each individual pupil. All aspects are discussed from social and emotional development to academic progress and needs.
Additional transition for some pupils	Between 2 nd June and the end of term	For some children, there will be additional transitional activities which will happen little and often through the summer term. This is coordinated by Hayley Little (SENDCo) and you will be informed if this is happening with more detail so that you can support this process at home.
Postcards / letters to new teachers	June-July	Children will write to their new teacher/s explaining anything they feel is important for their teacher to know including any hopes for next year, worries and their preferred ways of learning.
Year 4 new classes mixing afternoon	Friday 11 th July	Year 4 will spend the afternoon familiarising themselves with their new class mates and teacher.
Classes and teacher allocation communication	Friday 11 th July	We will write to you detailing who your child's class teacher will be.
End of year reports sent home	Friday 11 th July	Your child's end of year report will be emailed out, password protected.
'Move up' morning for current Year 3, 4, 5 pupils	Wednesday 16 th July	Current classes will spend time with their new teacher/s (in their new rooms wherever possible)
Open evening	Wednesday 16 th July 3:30pm until 4:45pm	An opportunity to see your child's work, informally catch up with your child's current class teacher/s (if you wish to) and an option for your child to show you their new classroom and say hello to their new teacher/s.

We are very much looking forward to the second part of our summer term and ensuring all pupils have a successful transition, ready for their next year with us at DJS. We understand that transition can be a tricky time for pupils and we are keen to work closely with parents and carers to ensure children have clarity around what is happening so that transition can be as positive and successful as possible. With that in mind, if you have any concerns or questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Kind regards,

Sheree Doyle – Deputy Head Teacher