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Dear Parents and Carers

As a school, we are working to make our communication **clear, simple and easy to read**. This is to support families who have **English as an additional language**, as well as busy families who need to quickly understand the key information.

We hope this helps ensure that **important messages** are not missed.

I am writing to tell you about your child moving to **Year Three in September**.

This is an important step for your child. We will support them so they feel confident and ready.

What will change for your child

There are two main changes:

1. Playground

- Children will use the **Key Stage Two playground**
- They have already started to practise this in Year Two

2. Bags and storage

- Children will have a **locker**, not a cubby hole
 - They should bring a **small bag only** (rucksack or drawstring bag)
 - If the bag is too big, we will ask you to change it
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Daily routines

Start of the day

- The start time stays the same
- Please walk your child to the **Key Stage Two cloakroom door**



End of the day

- Collect your child from the **classroom door**

Finish time

- School will now finish at **3:20pm**
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PE (Physical Education)

- Children should **wear their PE kit** to school on PE days
- This saves time and gives children **more time** for PE lessons
- The class teacher will tell you in September **which days** are PE days

For indoor PE:

- Children can wear PE shorts
 - In winter, they can wear **tracksuit bottoms** over their shorts
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Swimming (Year 4)

Children go **swimming in Year 4** in the Summer Term.

Children are expected to swim **25 metres**, but this can be difficult in a short block of lessons.

It is important that children **start learning to swim as early as possible**.

Swimming is an **essential life skill**, and early practice helps children:

- Build confidence
- Stay safe

We kindly ask for your support in helping your child learn to swim outside of school where possible.

Snacks and food

- Children will **not receive free fruit** anymore
 - You can send a snack, but it must be:
 - Fruit or fruit-based only
 - Crisps, chocolate bars and similar foods are **not allowed**
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School meals

- School meals are **not free** in Year Three
 - Meals must be **paid in advance** using Parentmail
 - Please contact the office if you think your child may get **Free School Meals**
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Supporting your child

We want all children to grow in:

- Confidence
- Independence

We will also send a **social story** to help your child understand the change.

Final message

Thank you for your support.

We look forward to helping your child settle into Year Three.

Kind regards

Miss Hughlock

Headteacher



