



21st March 2017

Dear Parents/Carers,

Year 1 Morning Arrangements

With the summer term around the corner we are beginning to think about the children's move into Year 2. A big part of this will be around developing their confidence and trying to make them all proud to be 'incredibly independent'.

Feedback from last year's Year 1 parents told us that some children found it difficult to adapt to the change in morning routine, and therefore we have decided to act early to try and minimise stress and ensure that transition is smooth and happy for all the children. We are therefore going to be altering the morning arrangements to move them more in line with Years 2-6.

In these year groups the children are dropped off in the playground in the morning and are brought into school by their teacher. Children are responsible for putting their own possessions away and for completing their start of the day 'Skillsburst' activity.

We would like to gradually introduce the same thing in Year 1 between now and July so that the children have an idea of what the expectation will be in September. We are calling this '**Do It Yourself (DIY)**' and on these days children will line up in front of their classroom door at 8:45am (a whistle will be blown to alert them), and they will then be let into the classroom by the teacher. Any children arriving after 8:45am will still be expected to come into the classroom independently.

Your child's teacher and teaching assistant will still be on hand, as always, to provide support to anyone who needs it. If you need to speak to your child's teacher in the morning you will still have the opportunity to do this in the playground (as you would at pick up time).

The dates for this are:

From the week beginning **18th April**: Every Friday to be a 'DIY' day.

From the week beginning **8th May**: Every Thursday and Friday to be a 'DIY' day.

From the week beginning **5th June**: Every Wednesday, Thursday and Friday to be a 'DIY' day.

From the week beginning **26th June**: Every Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday to be a 'DIY' day.

From the week beginning **10th July**: Every day will be a 'DIY' day.

We will be talking to the children about this in class to prepare them for the change. Please could you also speak to your child about it and explain that you will not be coming into the classroom with them as frequently.

Thank you for your support.

Kind regards,
Jen Dyson - KS1 Phase Leader



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