



28th March 2018

Dear Parents/Carers,

## Year 1 Morning Arrangements

With the summer term just around the corner (where has the time gone?!) 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 did find it difficult to adapt to the change in morning routine in Year 2 and therefore we have decided to act early in the hope to 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 a start of the day activity (SODA).

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) Days**' 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 their teacher. Any children arriving after 8:45am will still be expected to come into the classroom independently.

Your child's teacher and the teaching assistants will 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 on the playground (as you would at pick up time).

### **The dates for the DIY Days are:**

**From the week beginning 23<sup>rd</sup> April: Every Friday to be a 'DIY' day.**

**From the week beginning 14<sup>th</sup> May: Every Thursday and Friday to be a 'DIY' day.**

**From the week beginning 4<sup>th</sup> June: Every Wednesday, Thursday and Friday to be a 'DIY' day.**

**From the week beginning 25<sup>th</sup> June: Every Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday to be a 'DIY' day.**

**From the week beginning 9<sup>th</sup> July: Every day will be a 'DIY' day.**



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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 at home 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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