



11th October 2019

Dear Parents/Carers,

Mornings in Year 1

So far this year parents have been able to accompany their Year 1 child into the classroom and stay and read a book with them. Thank you for your support during this potentially tricky time in helping your child read and settle into Year 1. As we move further into the school year, however, we are looking to develop the self-confidence and independence of our Year 1 children.

To that end, we will be phasing out the daily stay and read in Year 1. After Christmas children will be expected to enter the classroom on their own, hang up their coat and bag and start their morning activity independently. The morning activity will be a task they are capable of doing on their own- it may be a follow-up of the previous day's maths, spelling, handwriting, phonics, topic or independent reading. We feel this time is crucial in developing important learning behaviors in your children. As a parent of two children in Year 1, I can understand this all might be a bit scary, which is why we will be doing this slowly!

w/b 21st October – Children come in on their own on Monday, the rest of the week parents can stay and read.

w/b 4th November – Children come in on their own on Monday and Tuesday, the rest of the week parents can stay and read.

w/b 11th November – Children come in on their own Monday-Wednesday, the rest of the week parents can stay and read.

w/b 18th November – Children come in on their own Monday-Thursday, on Friday parents can stay and read.

All further weeks after this, stay and read will be on Fridays only. In the w/b 6th January all children will come in every day on their own.

We understand this is a big change and you may be worried about it, but we have confidence that the children are ready for this step and will take it in their stride.

Thank you in advance for your support in this matter.

Kind regards,
Richard Farrow
KS1 Phase Lead



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