

# Drifffield Junior School

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Dear Parents/Carers of year 2 pupils,

I am delighted to be writing to you with details about the transition arrangements for year 2 pupils who will be transferring to Drifffield Junior School in September. By now you should have received confirmation of a place; if not, and you intend that your child moves to us, I would suggest that you contact the admissions department at East Riding of Yorkshire Council as a matter of urgency.

## Children visiting DJS

- The year 2s from our local infant schools have already visited us to watch our Christmas performance which they seemed to have really enjoyed!
- For their first 'formal' transition event, on Friday 7th June the year 2 children will be visiting us between 9.30am and 11.30am.
- A further transition event will take place on Friday 14th June where the children will get to meet some of our staff and take part in some fun activities.
- In addition to the above, we have organised a 'Move Up' day on **Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> June**. Our current children will move to their next class (and year 6s will spend the day at Drifffield School). Year 2 pupils will visit DJS between 9.30am and 1pm, including having their lunch and some playtime outside. If your child currently attends one of the Drifffield infant schools, their teachers will walk them to DJS and collect them later to return to their respective school. By then the children will know which teacher they are having in year 3 as we will have written to parents/carers with this information (see later in this letter). During the visit, children will have a tour of the school and spend time in the classroom they will be taught in from September, giving them a chance to meet their new teacher and any support staff who will be based in their classroom. Year 2 staff will not stay with the children on this occasion to allow them a little independence. We will have plenty of our own support staff available to assist the children if required.
- Informally, children will hopefully (depending on their current school's timetable of events) come with their current staff to watch one of our sports days after half term. This is a further opportunity to spend time at DJS and get a feel for the school and what we do!



### Infant/junior staff links

- Key staff from DJS will visit both schools and/or meet with infant staff to find out information about the children and see them in their familiar environment. Year 2 teachers and senior leaders will provide junior staff with relevant written information about the children who will be attending DJS. This will be followed up by further discussions, so we are able to gain as much information about the children prior to September as possible, ensuring the children have the best possible start to their time in KS2.
- During the very last week of the summer term, I will be visiting both infant schools to speak to the children in assembly. They will have the chance to get to know me a little and ask any questions they may have before breaking up for the summer holidays. I'm really looking forward to this.
- On **Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> June** you will be informed by letter who your child's class teacher is going to be. The letter will be distributed by the infant staff if your child currently attends one of the two local infant schools. If not, this letter will either be posted or emailed to you.

### Parents' information evening

- Our information evening for parents will be held on **Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> June at 6pm** in our main hall – please enter via the main entrance on Bridlington Road.  
This is your opportunity to hear about Drifffield Junior School and what will happen at the start of the new term for your child, meet key staff, spend a short time in your child's classroom with the teacher he/she will have in year 3 and, most importantly, you will have the opportunity to ask questions to alleviate any concerns or queries you may have. You will receive all the information you will need in preparation for your child starting school in September. The meeting should be finished by 7.00pm. For anyone not able to attend, relevant information will be sent out or placed on our website. We will let you know about this once all the information is ready.
- Please note that this meeting is for **PARENTS ONLY** however we do recognise that this can be tricky for some parents. If there is no other alternative than to bring your child(ren), there will be a crèche facility in another part of the school to allow you time to focus on the meeting fully.  
***Important:** Please telephone the school if you need to use this facility (telling us the number of children, their names, ages and any special needs they may have) so that we can arrange for the correct number of staff to supervise them. Thank you.*

### DJS Admission Form

- Before half term, we will be emailing you all with a link to our school admission form. It will be sent to the email address that you will have provided to school admissions when you made your application for a school place. If this has changed or if you would like the forms sent to an alternative email, please contact our school office.

We understand that transition from infant school to junior school can be daunting to some children and their families but it is also a very exciting time! I want to reassure you that we will do all we can to make the transition as smooth as possible and ensure that all children are happy and settled in their new learning environment.

If you have any concerns at all prior to your child starting at Drifffield Junior School in September, please don't hesitate in contacting us via the school office. We will be very pleased to help.

Yours truly,

*Ruth Dixon*

Acting Headteacher