

Transition Information



Year One teacher
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As your child's first year of school is rapidly drawing to a close; soon, your child will be making the move from Reception (Apple class) to Year One (Cherry class). As a parent, the prospect of settling them into their new class is probably a lot less daunting than it was to get ready for their first day of school, but the transition from the Foundation Stage to Key Stage 1 can just as unnerving for everyone.

Transition is always about change; particularly adjusting to change – and successful change is about then forgetting that the change happened. We appreciate how important it is to ensure that the move to another classroom, a change in teacher plus a different curriculum could feel unsettling for your child. However, our wish is for you and your child to feel as excited about this new chapter in your child's life; just as you did on that first day of school!

In the past we have put together a comprehensive timetable of opportunities for the children to visit their new classroom and get to know their new teacher, all this well in advance to their start in September. This year, and with thanks to your questionnaire responses, Kate, Jenny and I have been able to put together this pack to answer questions, inform you of any changes and prepare your child's transition.

Transition Timetable

Date	Nature of visit/event	Staff and adults involved
Thursday 28 th June	Apple class will spend the whole morning with Kate in her classroom. <i>Drop off as normal in Apple Class.</i>	Natalie Catherine (Zach's Mum)
Tuesday 3 rd July	Kate will accompany Apple class to the 'Multi-Skills' sports festival at St Marks in the afternoon.	Sue Jem Plus parent helpers

Monday 9 th July	Kate will visit Apple class in our classroom during the afternoon.	Sue Natalie
Thursday 19 th July	Apple class children will 'Shuffle up' to their new classroom with Kate for the whole morning. This is a whole school transition event.	Natalie Catherine

Frequently Asked Questions:

Will there be a TA in the early mornings to help the children settle in?

Yes, on most mornings there will be a TA in the classroom from the start of the school day. This adult is yet to be confirmed but by the end of term the children will be aware of who this is. Also both Natalie and Jem will move up to Year One.

Will the children have the opportunity to spend time in Cherry Class?

As the transition timetable shows, the children will have several opportunities to visit Cherry Class and to meet their new teacher, Kate, before the end of term. They will spend time familiarising themselves with their new classroom, outdoor space and other important things such as the nearest toilet and water fountain (both just outside the classroom!).

Will there be a gradual transition to the Year 1 Curriculum? Is there an emphasis on play?

Yes there will. Although the Year 1 Curriculum is different to the EYFS, it is important that the children still have time for play based learning and opportunities for exploration. Therefore the transition will be slow and carefully implemented. We are continuing to develop the outdoor learning space and ensure that there is always a role play area in class - often based on the children's ideas!

Will they still get regular reading books? Will there be homework?

Just like in Apple Class, reading books will be changed each day and sent home in PACT folders. This will be the only homework that children are given, aside from some phonics work later in the year. In the weekly newsletter, I will also include information about the phonics we are working on so that you can practise this at home with your child if you wish.

What will the school day be like?

The school day will be very similar! There will usually be an EMT set out on the tables to help the children settle when they arrive followed by registration and morning activities. Playtime will still be at 10.30am and lunchtime will be at 12pm. Children will line up in the playground with the support of the lunchtime staff before going into the hall. There will also be an afternoon playtime. At the end of the day you can collect your children from the playground nearest to Cherry Class where I will be dismissing them.

Will they have places to sit? Do they have pegs and drawers?

Yes, from September children will have their own carpet space (on a carpet just like Nikki's!) and their own labelled peg and drawer.

Kate, Jenny and I will also meet towards the end of term to finalise the transition. This will involve passing on all relevant information about each child so that Kate has a full picture of individual needs. During the parents meetings I will inform you of any extra support at home that you may want so as to help your child before September. Sue will also ensure you have at least 2 reading books for the summer break.

Sometime in the first couple of weeks in September, Kate will run a 'Tea and Talk' session for all parents. This is a really informative meeting and gives you the chance to meet Kate officially and learn a little more about the year ahead in Cherry Class.

We hope that this fact sheet is informative and provides answers to most your questions. Please do not hesitate to see me or Jenny if you have any further queries.

Cherry Class Setting



Role play –Garden centre



Classroom – carpet area



Outside space – garden area

