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Dear Parents & Carers

I hope this letter finds you all well.

My apologies for the delay in writing to you again about transition for your child to our school in September. We were aware that the local situation was changing rapidly and did not want to make plans for them to have to be cancelled. Now clearer guidance has been issued to us from Cumbria County Council and Cumbria Public Health we are now in a clearer position to plan for the next few weeks.

Our latest guidance advises us not to carry out traditional face-to-face transition activities between schools due to the rise in Covid cases over recent weeks. We are devastated about this as we were really looking forward to welcoming the children to our school and helping them to settle in this term. However, we know from our experiences last year that remote transition arrangements can still be a positive thing.

These are the activities we have planned for the next 4 weeks:

1. On Friday this week and next week Mrs Brown and Mr Kyle (our Y3 class teachers) will be meeting remotely with the Year 2 classes.
2. Over the next couple of weeks Mr Kyle and Mrs Brown will meet remotely with Mrs Ives & Miss Titterington. They will have chance to discuss the children and pass on any relevant information that will help us to support transition.
3. Mrs Lumb (our SENDCO) & Mrs Thwaites (our Learning Support Manager) will be carrying out additional meetings and possibly some face-to-face time for those pupils that require some additional support with the move to the Juniors.
4. We will be recording some videos for you and your child to watch at home to help familiarise you with the building and the staff that will be working with Y3. These will be posted on our school website. A text or email will be sent to you when they go live over the next couple of weeks.
5. We would like to set you all up on Class Dojo our in-school online communication system that allows you and your child's teacher to communicate with each other.



Look out for an email that will come to you from Class Dojo. This email will include a link for you to follow to set you up. This will be a great way for your child's new teacher to begin making links with you now before the end of term. This is something we would normally do in September after we have received consent to use your contact details. **If you do not want us to share your email contact with this company to set this up for you now then please contact the school office before the end of this week.**

6. If you have access to facebook then please also keep looking at our school page. This gives you a really good feel for what our school is like and the sort of things we get up to.
7. Next week I will send you the school's prospectus. This contains the key information that we think you need to know before September. Please be aware though that some things may change depending on the Covid guidance that is in place at the time. We are still waiting for communication from the government as to what school operational plans will need to look like for after the summer break. Rest assured that as soon as we know anything, if arrangements need to change I will let you know as soon as possible.

In the meantime if there is anything you would like to know then please don't hesitate to contact us. Here are the key contact details for staff that you might want to talk to:

Mrs Sue Frost Headteacher (general school questions)- head@ashfield-jun.cumbria.sch.uk

Mrs Emily Lumb SENDCO (special educational needs)- elumb@ashfield-jun.cumbria.sch.uk

Mrs Elaine Thwaites Education Support Manager (family links, well-being & attendance)- ethwaites@ashfield-jun.cumbria.sch.uk

Mrs Alyson Sibbald Senior Administrator (uniform orders)- asibbald@ashfield-jun.cumbria.sch.uk

Mrs Gill Fletcher Senior Administrator (finances & free school meals)- gletcher@ashfield-jun.cumbria.sch.uk

Mrs Julia Brown Year 3 teacher (teaching & learning enquiries)- jbrown@ashfield-jun.sch.uk

Mr Robert Kyle Year 3 teacher (teaching & learning enquiries)- rkyle@ashfield-jun.sch.uk

This is not what we were hoping for this year but we will ensure that we will do our best to help your child feel happy and excited about coming to us in September.



If there is anything else that you would like to know or if you have any concerns then please contact me on head@ashfield-jun.cumbria.sch.uk.

We are really looking forward to meeting you and your child in September.

Your sincerely
Mrs Frost
Headteacher

