



'Smooth Move'
at
Redhill Primary Academy

Information for parents and carers
about transition.

Summer term 2020



Moving to New Year Groups

‘The child who faces transition with love and support will view change in a more positive light.’

‘Transition is a time of change and a natural part of life and growing up. ’



Handled with sensitivity transition can make us stronger people.

The process of transition for any pupil can be unnerving so at Redhill we endeavour to alleviate any feelings of anxiety by giving them an opportunity to become familiar with their new teacher and new classroom environment.

We need to support every child and make September a time to look forward to.

We have produced this booklet as we believe firmly that communication is key to a ‘smooth move’.

Staff at Redhill will work with all children to ensure a happy transition occurs, but also we appreciate the impact parents have in this important role, by supporting with encouragement and positivity over this time.

All children will receive their end of year report during the week beginning Monday 6th July 2020.



This year, school reports will be sent via email due to concerns around the spread of infection when sealing envelopes and handling paper.

We are incredibly proud of the children's achievement this year. It has been a very different end to our academic year, but the resilience and perseverance children have shown in their learning has reminded us all of why Redhill is such a wonderful community to be a part of.

Meet the Teacher Sessions



This year, we are holding a **virtual session** for children to meet their new teacher in all year groups
on
Monday 20th July.

This is an opportunity for your child to get to know their new teacher before September. Their new teacher will be discussing some of the lovely things in store for your child in their new year group and will explain some key expectations for the new academic year.

In preparation for your child's return to school, the learning completed both in school and at home will focus heavily on transition activities. This is to allow your child to share lots of things about them with their new teacher.

All children will be informed about their new class teacher by Friday 3rd July 2020.



The balance in classes is reviewed each year. This is completed after a lengthy discussion with contributions by all staff and with careful consideration before the final decision is made. We ensure children are always with their friends but some classes may be of a different make up than they are currently.

Children joining Redhill Primary Academy 2020-21



This year, Miss Farmer and the EYFS team have put together a very special video for children starting in reception. The video introduces you and your child to all the members of staff that work within the EYFS and the different parts of the academy that your child will be enjoying from September. Miss Farmer will be sending home a transition letter to give you additional details about children starting in the EYFS.

The Summer Term at Redhill Primary Academy

Year 6 look forward to moving to their new secondary schools and all other children in our school begin to think about moving up to their next year group.

During the summer term, secondary school teachers from Year 7 will meet with Year 6 pupils (and their current class teacher) to talk about concerns and to explore what being a pupil in a secondary school entails. This year, many of these meetings will be held virtually. Many secondary schools are organising these meetings or their own induction days and you should receive a letter from them outlining these dates.

At the end of the summer term, all Year 6 pupils have many opportunities to celebrate their time at Redhill. Because of the restrictions around social distancing, this will be a little different this year. We will be holding a special leavers' picnic for all of the Year 6 pupils to say their final goodbyes. They will also be given a special memento to remind them of their time with us.

It is always an emotional but proud time for pupils, and indeed staff, as we send out independent and confident learners into Year 7. This year, through a special leavers' video, we will reflect on the Year 6 pupils' time at Redhill and we are confident that, given the circumstances, we have done our best to prepare them for the next step of their learning journey.





**Thank you for reading our
'Smooth Move' booklet.**

In partnership with parents, we can ensure that transition on entry, exit and across our school is a happy, positive and enjoyable experience for all children so that they settle quickly and continue to progress on their learning journey.

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