

# CHRIST THE KING CATHOLIC VOLUNTARY ACADEMY

Headteacher: Mrs H. Carrazedo

2<sup>nd</sup> July 2021



Dear parents / carers,

Further to Mrs Carrazedo's newsletter outlining class teachers for next year, we have been busily planning transition opportunities to enable the children to get to know their new class adults. We know that many of the children moved up with their previous class teachers last year and so we recognise how important it is to provide the children with these quality transition opportunities so that they can "hit the ground running" in September and feel comfortable from the very first day!

We just wanted to inform you of these plans so that you are aware of what will be happening on each of the days:

**Monday 5th July** - Class teachers will be sharing a "transition moment" with their new class. They will take the register and maybe read a short story or part of a class reader (max. 20 mins to minimise contact)

**Tuesday 6th July** - Class adults will be sharing a liturgy with their new class (either outside or in the hall - max. 20 mins to minimise contact)

**Wednesday 7th and Thursday 8th July** - These will be two full days where the children will go into their new classroom, with their new adults. The focus for these two days will be on wellbeing and getting to know the children in order to start to build those relationships between children and staff. This will hopefully help to minimise any worries the children may have about moving to a new class. They will have the opportunity to ask questions and to plan their class charter together, as well as share ideas about their new classroom, such as designing areas like their reading area. **If your child's class usually has PE on Wednesday or Thursday, please send them in their kit**, as their new teacher may decide to teach a PE lesson with them, or do some teambuilding games and activities.

All adults in school conduct lateral flow tests on Wednesday mornings and the children will go straight to their new classrooms for the two days, which will have been cleaned the previous evening. This should minimise any risk with adults switching bubbles for the two days. On the Friday, the children will return to their usual classroom, which will have been cleaned the previous evening.

Further to the transition days, we will update parents about the new class teacher email addresses, so that the link between teachers and parents via email can continue into the children's new classes. Class adult teams will meet with the previous year's team, in order to pass on important information about the children's strengths and anything they find challenging, as well as SEND and medical information. If you feel that there is anything you would like to pass on about your child, please email your current class teacher and they can make sure this information is shared with the new teacher.

We are really excited to get to know our new children. We hope they find these days reassuring and it fires them up ready for starting in their new class in September.

Kind regards,

The CTK staff team



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