

Dodworth St John the Baptist C.E. Primary Academy

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Dear Parents and Carers,

First of all, we would like to thank you for attending the Parents Meeting last Wednesday. It is so important that we collaborate on this journey for the benefit of all children. We hope that you found it useful.

To reiterate some of the key takeaways and actions we are considering as a result of the meeting, please see the following:

- **Additional Transition**

We are looking at providing transition opportunities for children in addition to those already planned - particularly those who will be in mixed year groups. This is to ensure that children have the best chance of a good start in September. We are currently working on this and will inform you of what these arrangements will look like soon.

- **Teachers and Class arrangements**

We are finalising our arrangements around staffing in each class. We will communicate this to you as soon as we are able. Similarly, we will of course inform you of which class your child will be in if they are in a mixed year group at the earliest opportunity.

- **Teacher Transition and SEND**

We are providing teachers with time to discuss, in detail, the children that will be joining them in September with their current Class Teachers. This gives their new teachers the opportunity to be immediately familiar with any key issues that they need to be aware of. A crucial part of this is any SEND requirements that need to be put in place for children to effectively access learning. During transition meetings, existing arrangements and adjustments will be shared to ensure that new staff are aware of the needs of the children that will be in their care.

- **Communication**

In response to the feedback we received, we want to assure you that communication is a priority for us. We understand its importance in building strong relationships and fostering a positive environment. As part of our commitment to this, we want to establish a culture where communication is a vital element, running through the very ethos of our school. Please remember, your insights and feedback are vital in shaping our educational community, and we believe that effective, transparent, and timely communication is the cornerstone of a thriving school-home partnership.

Once again, thank you for your continued support. We are determined to create a real partnership with all families for the benefit of the most important people at school – our children.

If you have any further questions, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Yours sincerely

Mr Jon Smith (incoming Head of School)