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Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> June 2024

Dear parents/carers,

As we approach the final few weeks of the academic year, we start to look ahead and begin preparing for September. Beginning a new year at a new base can be both an exciting and anxious time for children and parents. This letter details the activities that we have planned to help ensure the children have a successful transition into Year 2.

Last half term, the children in Year 1 went on the first of many trips to the Park Avenue Base. These trips will continue throughout this half term with the children exploring and becoming familiar with the three Year 2 classrooms and the communal areas, including cloakrooms, toilets, lunch hall and playgrounds. The children will also get to visit The Grove at Park Avenue as part of our Science topic about plants and trees. Please note, the children will have the opportunity to explore all three Year 2 classes at Park Avenue and the classrooms used are not an indication of the classroom or teacher they will have in Year 2. This news will be shared in a timely manner.

Throughout the next few weeks, we are using our PSHE sessions to further prepare for the transition. The children will learn about changes and the different emotions they might experience. All children will have the opportunity to talk about things they are looking forward to and any worries they might have. Towards the end of the term, transition booklets will also be shared on the school website, with pictures of their new classroom, new teacher and key areas within the school.

The children will have the opportunity to experience the outdoor areas of Park Avenue on Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June for Sports Day with their current teachers. There will be a whole school transition day on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July where all children will spend some time with their new teacher in their new classrooms and will be given an opportunity to ask any questions they may have.

Mr Grimwood will also be holding a transition meeting at Park Avenue at 2:30pm on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> June. He will share important information regarding the differences to the school day at Park Avenue Base as well as a short tour. If you are unable to attend, there will be a PowerPoint shared in due course.

If you have any questions about the transition process, please do not hesitate to ask.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Loky  
Year 1 Lead