



# Telford Junior School

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Dear Year 2 Parents/Carers,

## Update on Transition Plans Following the Recent Government Announcement

Last week the Prime Minister announced that he was not able to say that the country has met all four tests for proceeding with Step 4 of the Government's 'Roadmap to Reopening'. The Government believes it is sensible to wait a little longer, giving time for the vaccination programme to protect people from the virus in light of the new variant. Schools have been instructed to keep current protective measures in place until there is a further announcement on Step 4 of the 'Roadmap'. These measures in education settings will remain in place to help reduce transmission of the virus.

Following this announcement, Warwickshire Local Authority has stipulated that schools should hold transition days / sessions virtually. This means that the Warwickshire transition day planned for 7th July will no longer take place. This has a direct impact on our Year 6 pupils, who will not be visiting their secondary schools on 7th July. It indirectly impacts on how we organise transition arrangements for the Year 2 pupils joining the Junior School in September, since the plan was for all year groups to move up to their new class on that day, which is now not possible.

The reason for not holding the Warwickshire transition day is to avoid mixing large numbers of children from different schools in their new school setting. Since nearly all the children joining the Junior School in September are from the Infant School, it is possible for them to visit our school without compromising social bubbles. Therefore, please be reassured that we will proceed with transition sessions before the end of the Summer Term, but will have to reconsider the logistical arrangements and the day when this takes place.

Unfortunately, Step 3 guidelines do not allow for groups of adults in the school building and so we will not be able to proceed with the planned Year 2 'Introduction to the Junior School' evenings. We will make sure that parents/carers have the opportunity to come into the Junior School as soon as we are able to do so in the Autumn Term. While this is disappointing, unlike last year, we will be able to provide proper transition sessions for the children.



Please remember that there is a dedicated page for Year 2 families on our school website <https://telford-junior.secure-primariesite.net/welcome-to-year-3-information-for-year-2-children-/>

You can view the School Prospectus and Parent Guide, which you will find helpful in explaining the school's aims, the structure of the school day, uniform expectations and other key information about life in Telford Junior School. There is also some more specific information on:

- School uniforms.
- School meals (a little different under the current circumstances).
- Medical forms.

If you have any specific questions, please contact the school office:

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I hope that you find this information helpful and the staff and I look forward to you joining our school community shortly.

Yours sincerely,

Richard Siviter

