

# Transition from Waterthorpe to Emmanuel School Year 2 - Year 3

This booklet shares our Transition programme for Y2 children moving to the Juniors.



For most children in Year Two the move to Junior school is an exciting time that they are looking forward to. We are aware though that some children may be worried or feel anxious about this. Our aim is to make the move to Junior school a positive experience and for it to go as smoothly as possible. To support this move we have a comprehensive transition programme that all children in Year Two take part in. The aim of this leaflet is to make you aware of some of the transition arrangements that are available for all children in Year Two and also additional arrangements that are in place for children that may require it.

#### Arrangements for all children

We work hard to make sure that the children in Year 2 have a variety of experiences at Emmanuel Junior school before they move into Year 3. This will ensure your child feels confident and has a better knowledge and understanding of Junior school before they start there in September.

These include:

- Attending termly assemblies Emmanuel Junior school.
- Children that are sport leaders from Emmanuel come and play games with our children from Waterhorpe once a week.
- Children visit Emmanuel school and have a look around before transition day.
- Transition day where children spend the day at Emmanuel school in their new class.
- Teachers from Emmanuel school visit children in their classroom at Waterhorpe before the end of July.
- New class teachers from Emmanuel Junior school attend our final parents evening in the summer term.
- Assemblies with Mrs Newton-Wall, the Headteacher at Emmanuel Junior school at Waterhorpe School.

Some children may need extra support with transition for a variety of reasons. For these children we provide a more detailed programme for transitions. These are planned and delivered according to the needs of individual children and with discussion with their parents. Some of the options available include:

#### Transition booklet for your child -

Children will have the opportunity to visit Emmanuel school and look around in a group. Photographs are taken of key places e.g. toilets and cloakrooms. These photographs are then used to produce a transition book about Junior School. Children take this book home at the end of Year Two. Parents can then look at the book with their child over the summer holidays.



#### Buddy system -

We may arrange for your child to have a buddy who will help them settle once they are at Emmanuel School. This will be a pupil at Emmanuel Junior School who can answer any questions your child may have and help them around school.

#### Additional visits to Emmanuel Junior School

For some children more than one visit may be needed before transition day. This will enable your children to look around the school in a small group or sometimes individually. This may include visiting at a time your child may be anxious about, for example, lunch time. It may be that your child will go and play a game at the Junior School with one of our teaching assistants so they become familiar with their new surroundings. This will be planned around the needs of your child.

### Parent/carer visits to Emmanuel Junior School -

For some children it may be that an additional visit to the Junior school with their parent or carer will be arranged. This will support your child and enable you to answer any questions they may have after the visit. It will also be an opportunity for you to find out answers for any questions you may have about school and reduce any anxieties you may have about your child's move to Junior school.

### Meeting Emmanuel Junior school Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) Co-ordinator for children who currently have any Additional Needs.

At the end of Year Two information about your child will be passed onto their new teacher. Any information collected, about children with additional needs, by our SEND Co-ordinator Helen Towers, will be passed onto the SEND Co-ordinator at Emmanuel, Claire Lawrie. If your child has a One Page Profile, My Plan or Educational Health Care plan (EHCP) this will be shared with the Emmanuel SEND Co-ordinator.

If you currently attend termly SEND reviews: The SEND Co-ordinator from Emmanuel will aim to attend the final Infant school reviews in the summer term. This will not only be an opportunity for them to get to know about your child but also an opportunity for you to meet, ask questions and find out more about arrangements for your child once they are at Emmanuel Junior School.

These are some of the arrangements we have around transition for children in Year 2. We are happy to discuss other options with you that may be suitable for your child.

We would welcome any feedback on this booklet. Please write your comments on a piece of paper, along with your child's name and class, and return them to the school office.

Thank you for your continued support.