



# Denmead Junior School

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Dear Parents and Carers of Children in Year 2,

We are delighted to welcome you and your child to Denmead Junior School. Whether your family is familiar with our school already or not, we know moving up to Year 3 can feel a big step, especially as we have been unable to host our usual open days. Rest assured though, we are here to support you and your child every step along the way.

This letter provides you with details of the transition process and the various registration forms which you will need to complete and return to us shortly. I do understand that this is a lot of information to take in at once, so if you do have any questions please don't hesitate to contact the school office who will be pleased to help or please do make an appointment to meet with me.

At Denmead Junior School, we will be re-introducing a buddy system to help support your children coming into our school. We will liaise with Denmead Infant School and other feeder schools with regard to suitable buddies from our current Year 5, for each child. They will receive a letter from their buddy, enjoy an outdoor buddy afternoon and then meet up with their buddy in September (who will be in Year 6 by then) to help them settle happily into school life.

Our transition programme for this year will consist of a programme of several visits for your child as detailed below. The dates we have listed are provisional, but we will keep you informed of any changes.

Transition activity	Possible date	Staff involved
Y2 playtime	Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> May 10am	DIS staff & DJS Senior Leaders
Y2 and Y3 playtime	Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> June 10am	DIS and DJS new Year 3 staff
Library/Storytime visit	Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> June 1.15pm/1.45pm/2.15pm	DJS & DIS staff
Buddy afternoon	Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> June 2021 1.15pm/1.45pm/2.15pm	DIS, DJS new Year 3 staff & Year 5 staff
Y2 mini beast hunt	w/b 21 <sup>st</sup> June 2021	DIS staff
DJS Y3 teachers to visit children at DIS	Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> July (pm)	DJS staff
Hand up meetings @DIS	Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> July after school	DIS and DJS new Year 3 staff
Main transition event (this is provisional and dependent on the secondary schools holding a similar day)	Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> July 2021	DIS staff to bring the children to DJS DJS staff for transition event



**In addition to the above, we will arrange, where appropriate:**

- 1:1 visits for additional transition either with parents or DIS staff for those who may find the planned transition tricky.
- TPA (Transition Partnership Agreement) meetings held between the infant and junior school, which can also involve parents.
- Mr Clarke to deliver an assembly to Year 2 at Denmead Infant School.
- Mr Clarke, Mrs Marks (Assistant Head Teacher and Transition Lead) and Mrs Howard (SENDCo) to meet and greet DIS parents at pick up time (from 2.50pm – 3.05pm)
- Transition units to be planned by Mrs Marks and Mrs Lane and books to be provided by DJS for children to work in for the last couple of weeks of term.

If your child has an Educational and Health Care Plan or any other Special Educational Needs, we may arrange additional visits and meetings as necessary to enable the smoothest transition possible.

We will also be posting a welcome video on our school website before the end of term and will be in contact to invite you to an online forum where you and your child might like to come and ask some questions about transition and the new school year. You can access our website anytime via [www.denmead-jun.hants.sch.uk](http://www.denmead-jun.hants.sch.uk) or follow our Facebook page [www.facebook.com/DenmeadJuniorSchool](https://www.facebook.com/DenmeadJuniorSchool) .

The registration, health and consent forms enclosed need to be completed and returned to DJS by **Monday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2021** please.

For school uniform orders, please use the enclosed form. The full uniform requirements can be found on our website. Items will be available to order after half term and can be bought/ordered from the DJS office between 8.30am and 4pm. Alternatively, if you already have a child attending DJS, you could use your SCOPAY account to order online and this will be sent home with them.

Working in partnership with parents is extremely important to us at Denmead Junior School. Every year we strive to improve on our transition programme to make the move from infant to junior school as smooth as possible for your child and yourselves equally. In October 2021, we will ask for your feedback on our programme in order to make any adjustments for the next cohort of children.

**If your child is coming from a different infant school, please contact me so that we can plan together a suitable transition programme for you and your child.**

I very much look forward to meeting you and your child over the coming term.

Yours sincerely,

*A. Clarke*

Mr Andy Clarke  
Head Teacher

