



# 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 that moving up to Year 3 can feel a big step. 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 for both children transitioning from Denmead Infant School and other schools. I do understand that this is a lot of information to take in at once, so if you do have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school office, who will be pleased to help or please do make an appointment to meet with me. Please do also refer to our school website.

At Denmead Junior School, we have a buddy system to help support your children primarily with their transition 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 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	Date	Staff involved
Y2 playtime	22 <sup>nd</sup> May 1.45 – 2pm	DIS staff
Y2 and Y3 playtime	5 <sup>th</sup> June 2- 2.15pm	DIS and DJS staff
Library/Story time visit to DJS	12 <sup>th</sup> June (afternoon)	DIS and DJS staff
Y2 mini beast hunt	w/b 25 <sup>th</sup> June on different days	DIS staff
Transition event	Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> June 9.15 – 11.15am	DJS staff
Buddy afternoon	1 <sup>st</sup> July	DIS and DJS staff
Main transition event	Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July 9.15 – 12.30 (to include lunch at DJS)	DJS staff
Parents' meeting and BBQ	3 <sup>rd</sup> July 6pm	DJS staff
Story time at DIS	18 <sup>th</sup> July	DJS staff

The infant and junior school staff will liaise in the meantime, to handover information to help support the transition for all children into Year 3. This will also involve additional visits to see the children in class and a follow up meeting in the autumn term to discuss how the children are settling into Denmead Junior School.



**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.
- Mrs Tomkins and Mrs Marks 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 (EHCP) or any other Special Educational Needs, we may arrange additional visits and meetings as necessary to enable the smoothest transition possible.

Following the main transition visit for children on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July, we would like to invite you to a parents' meeting at 6.00pm. During the meeting, there will be a presentation by various members of DJS staff as well as an opportunity to meet your child's Y3 teacher and see the classroom which will be their base from September. Following the meeting, we invite you to stay and enjoy a BBQ to get to know each other (weather permitting). The whole evening will finish by 8pm.

School uniform will be available to purchase during the parents' meeting on 3<sup>rd</sup> July (cash or cheque only). You can find details and prices, along with lots of other information on our website at [www.denmead-jun.hants.sch.uk](http://www.denmead-jun.hants.sch.uk) or follow our Facebook page [www.facebook.com/DenmeadJuniorSchool](http://www.facebook.com/DenmeadJuniorSchool)

**If your child is coming from a different infant school, please contact me so that we can add times to the above timetable with you.**

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

Yours sincerely,

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Head Teacher

