

Dear Year 3,

I reckon that sounds very strange being called Year 3 for the first time as you move from the infants and into the juniors! Like you, I am also new to the Year 3 classroom, but we have Mrs Cassidy moving up with us who knows you all extremely well. Some things will be different, like the toilets we use, but lots of things will be the same and familiar to you all.

It's definitely an unusual and challenging time at the moment, and we know that you and your parents might be feeling anxious about the move into Year 3 this September. Therefore, we want to reassure you that we're here for you every step of the way and explain some of the changes in this letter. Hopefully, this will provide you with all the information you need to hit the ground running and start your Year 3 learning in a fantastic way!



Throughout the year you will be taught by myself (Mrs Wood) and Mr Houghton every Monday afternoon with Miss Butler who will teach PE.

Supporting you with your learning will be Mrs Cassidy.



Obviously, our priority is to keep you all safe and happy, so we have made a few changes, which we want to tell you about.

What will I have to remember to keep safe?

Before schools closed, we introduced some changes to reduce the spread of germs, and we will need to continue to do these when we return:

- If you are not feeling well, tell an adult straight away
- Wash your hands regularly – for at least 20 seconds following the steps on the posters in the toilets
- Try not to touch your mouth, nose and eyes
- Remember the 'catch it, bin it, kill it' approach when coughing or sneezing and use the red bin for dirty tissues
- Wipe laptops and other equipment we share
- Stay a safe distance from each other when in school or on the playground

How will I come in to and leave school?

You will need to enter the school grounds through the gate nearest to the school office/entrance, and follow the one way signs to the Y3 classroom door. We will be at the door to greet you and squirt some hand sanitiser into your hands so you can clean them. Remember to rub your hands, palms and fingers thoroughly to kill all the germs. At the end of the day, you will be picked up from the classroom door and leave school through the gate next to the nursery building.

CATCH IT 
Germs spread easily. Always carry tissues and use them to catch your cough or sneeze.

BIN IT 
Germs can live for several hours on tissues. Dispose of your tissue as soon as possible.

KILL IT 
Hands can transfer germs to every surface you touch. Clean your hands as soon as you can.



You will then need to: place your book bag (no rucksacks as space is limited) in your tray, place your lunch box (if you have one) on top of the tray cabinet outside Year 3 (in the resource area) and finally place your coat on the back of your chair in class.



Year 3 teaching spaces include the resource area and classroom.

In your school tray, you will find a pair of scissors, a glue-stick and a pencil case. The pencil case includes: a pencil/handwriting pen, red pen, ruler, rubber and a small selection of colouring crayons which are labelled with your name on. You will need to ensure that you collect these in the morning, from your tray, ready to learn. When we use any equipment like laptops, adults will wipe it using disinfectant and a cloth to kill any germs.

We will have PE every Monday with Miss Butler, so you will need to come to school wearing your PE kit and trainers. When it is cold, you will also need to wear a tracksuit with your coat to keep you warm when outside.

What is going to happen at playtime?

When we go out at playtime, you will need to go to the toilet and wash your hands like normal. Our new playtime will be at 10:00am and we will have the whole of the KS2 playground to ourselves so we have plenty of room and to prevent classes mixing. Remember to bring a healthy snack to eat at playtime like a piece of fruit – no crisps, biscuits or cakes.

We will have some play equipment, like scooters, skipping ropes and balls, as we want you to be physically active and play! It is important that we clean the equipment so someone else can use it. After each playtime, we will ask you to use hand sanitiser to clean your hands.

What happens at lunchtime?

At 11:30am we will go out to play and have the entire KS2 playground so we can be physically active. After we have played, we will go the hall for our lunch at 12:00, but we must remember to wash our hands thoroughly for at least 20 seconds. In the hall, you and a friend will sit together at a table but we must remember to not mix with the other class who will also be in the hall to prevent any germs from spreading. If you normally bring your own packed lunch into school, you can still do this.

I want to go to the toilet, what should I do?

If you need to go to the toilet, you will need to ask an adult who may need to go with you to avoid groups mixing. Remember to wash your hands thoroughly for at least 20 seconds.

We look forward to seeing you all very soon. Take care and stay safe.

From Mrs Wood and the rest of the Year 3 team