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Dear Parents and Carers,

Congratulations on securing a place for your son/daughter at Biddick Hall Junior School. We hope that your child/ren are looking forward to attending Biddick Hall Junior School.

Year 2 transition is very important to us and in normal circumstances, this term would have seen key staff visiting our infant school and meeting your children and their teachers. Your children would have had the opportunity to visit Biddick Hall Junior School also.

Due to the current situation we are looking into how we can best modify the transition process this year to support you as parents/carers and begin working with the pupils who are joining us. We really want to make your children feel like they belong with us before they start the next stage of their education journey. During the coming weeks we will be working closely with the Year 2 teaching staff and SENCO to gather information about your children to help ensure their transition is as smooth as possible.

We have created an area on our school website where we can publish useful information and advice. Our school website address is www.biddickhallschool.co.uk. If you click on the tab PARENTS then the heading Transition from Y2 you will find information, a school brochure and a short video of our school. Please share the video with your child/ren.

Our school uniform policy is very popular with parents. The colours of the uniform match that of the infant school. Pupils are expected to wear:

- grey or black trousers, skirt or pinafore
- red/white gingham dress
- white polo shirt,
- red sweatshirt/cardigan
- plain black shoes/trainers

School sweatshirts and tee shirts with our own logo are available. These can be purchased from **'Initial Images, South Shields.'** Please visit their website www.initialimages.co.uk. It is essential that clothing is marked clearly with your child's name.

All children are encouraged to wear a PE kit which consists of a pair of black shorts, black joggers or black leggings, a red tee shirt and a red school hoodie is optional. **Children are encouraged to come to school dressed in their PE kit on PE days.**

We do expect that all parents will support us in our uniform policy.

Please note the school time for your child in September. We have a staggered start and finish time. **Year 3 pupil starting time is 9.00am and finishing time is 3.30pm.** Pupils should be in the classroom ready to learn at 9.00am. **All Year 3 pupils should be entering the school gates from 8.50 am and by 8.55am at the latest to give them time to walk to their entrance and wash their hands ready to start learning at 9.00am prompt.**

A voluntary weekly contribution of 50p is encouraged from all children. This is collected half termly through our on-line ParentPay system. This money is an important supplement to the cost of educational visits, as we do not charge for these trips. The cost of transport is very expensive and without regular payments of fund money, we would be unable to provide visits for the children. It also helps pay for visiting theatre groups as well as to help cover the costs of school parties. Fund-raising events such as an annual sponsor, Fun Days etc... also take place during the school year.

Enclosed is an emergency contact form, which should be completed and **returned immediately before the end of the summer term if possible.**

If you have any queries please contact the school via admin@biddickhallschool.co.uk or telephone 0191 5362186.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to wish you and your family well and hope that you all have a lovely summer!

Yours faithfully

M. Collinson

Mrs Michelle Collinson

Head Teacher