## GRAHAM JAMES PRIMARY ACADEMY

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Dear Parents 27th June 2025

As is customary at this time of year, as part of our continued drive to ensure a smooth move between year groups, to ensure the children have a worry free Summer Break and, indeed, to continually improve standards, we will again be undertaking our own Transition. The children will be moving into their new classrooms with their new Teachers and Learning Support Assistants from Monday 30<sup>th</sup> June and will be returning to their current class on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> July their last day.

During these days the children will get to know the new routines and be working on topics in line with their new year group ready for the Autumn Term. This will enable teachers to make the best use of the last couple of weeks of the academic year. It is an exciting opportunity to pick up the enthusiasm of the children and ensure the final weeks have even more purpose and relevance. What this will also do is enable teachers and pupils to have a platform with which to continue their learning in September. It also helps children to feel more secure about their next year, which can only be a positive thing.

Teachers may set some investigative work for children to complete over the Summer Break to continue with into the new term. Research has proven that this approach is a positive way to end one academic year and begin the next both in terms of progress and the children's wellbeing. It has also been very successful over the past few years and has been commended by other School Leaders, many of whom have adopted a similar approach.

Our Year 6 pupils will be working with Mrs Mead, Mr Williams, Miss Barker and Mr Peckham with lots of creative and exciting things planned. We hope this will be an enjoyable way to finish their year. I am confident that this will again be an interesting and exciting way to end one academic year and begin the new one.

On Monday afternoon, the children will find out who their new teacher will be for next year and be led into their new classrooms to familiarise themselves with where they need to go on Tuesday morning. This is a very exciting event for both the children and the staff and I am sure they will come out of School on Monday afternoon eager to discuss who their new teacher is and where their new classroom is too.

To help you know exactly where to collect your children, they will leave school on Monday as normal from their current classes and bring with them a note of their new class and teacher so that they can be dropped on Tuesday morning to their new room.

Current Year R and Year 1 children transitioning to Year 1 & 2 can be dropped at the classroom door. The children will go directly into class.

Current Year 2 children transitioning to Year 3 will need to go through the main school gate, onto the playground and straight into their new class. Staff will be on the playground to ensure they all know exactly where to go and at the end of the School day, parents can go through to the playground to collect them. The class teachers will not release the children without an adult as is the normal routine for KS1 children, and will hold on to the children until they see them. As always, if there is any change to who is picking your child up; please let the school know in advance.

Year 6 children should come through the main gate and in through the ICT suite to the main hall where they will be met and registered by a teacher.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely

Petra Back Head Teacher