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Dear Parents and Carers,

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Transition into Year 1

The children's first year of school is rapidly going by. In September, your child will be making the move from Reception to Year 1. As a parent, the prospect of settling them into their new class is probably a lot less daunting than it was to get ready for their first day of school, but we want to ensure that the transition from the Reception to Year 1 is a smooth and positive experience.

To support your child with the transition into Year 1 we are asking all of our parents to say goodbye to their child at the wooden fence and let your child walk through onto the playground by themselves. This is the area where the rest of the school enter the premises. We will of course be there to welcome your child as normal, with Mrs Hyde, Miss Waterer, Miss Begum, Mrs Loose and Ms Dempsey on the playground to supervise your child. This will be an ideal opportunity for your child to meet up with their friends and get used to the routines in readiness for Year 1, which for coming into school, will involve lining up when the bell rings, listening to Miss Baxter's whole school address and then walking silently into school to begin the day's learning.

During the summer term in Reception our learning will take on a slightly more formal approach with more sit down learning opportunities and reduced play based learning for the mornings. The afternoons will remain as they are at the moment where children can freely access the indoor and outdoor provision.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to speak to your child's class teacher.

Thank you for your continued support and we look forward to working with you to ensure a smooth transition for your child into Year 1.

Mrs R Moulam

EYFS Lead

