



# HOVE JUNIOR SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to Hove Junior School. It is a fabulous school – its greatest asset being our children who are highly motivated and enthusiastic and really involved in their learning.

Our children have a strong sense of belonging and share common values of respect and appreciation of each other through our 'Working with Others' approach to learning.

We look forward to working with you more closely over the summer term and at the start of September through your journey through the Junior School.

**Transition Day** – Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July – *All Year 2 children to Hove Junior School*

**Year 3 Parents Meet the Teacher** – 3.20pm, Friday 6<sup>th</sup> September &

3.20pm, Monday 9<sup>th</sup> September 2019

**Year 3 Parent Coffee Mornings** - 9am, Friday 6<sup>th</sup> September - this is an opportunity for you to ask questions and meet the senior leadership team at the school.

## Transition

On Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July all the children transferring over from Year 2 will spend the day at their new school, meeting their teacher. Our Year 3 teachers will also be spending the afternoon in the Year 2 classrooms getting to know the children and meeting the class teachers. Additional visits and/or meetings will also be arranged for more vulnerable pupils to support transition.

Please take your child into the Infant School as normal. Their Year 2 teachers will bring them over to their new classes after registration at 9.00am. They will return to the infants for 2.50pm, ready for the collection at the end of the day.

**Please could you provide your child with a packed lunch, drink and healthy snack for the day. The infants will register them for a school dinner if requested at the start of the day.**

Children from other sites are welcome to join us for the day and we would ask that they arrive at our school at 9.00am. They can be picked up at 3.00pm from the school office. **You will need to ensure your child has a snack, packed lunch and drink as we are unable to provide a school dinner for them.**

## On the first day of term

Children will start school at 8.50am at Portland Road. A bell will ring 2 minutes before the start of the school day as a signal to line up.



Hove Junior School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment.

Our Green astro turf area on both sites will be for exclusive use for the Year 3 children only for the first 2 weeks of term.

The children always line up outside on the school playground on their class feet and we will show them where this is on the transition day. At Portland Road all of Year 3 line up on the front playground. We believe this enables the children to start the day ready to learn and ensure a rigorous start to the day. The class teacher and teaching assistant always come outside onto the class playground at the start of the day to take the children to their classroom.

Throughout the first week we are happy for you to come up with your child to their class, but will encourage you to help their independence by letting them walk to their class on their own as much as possible.

The children will be brought out onto the playground at the end of the day with their class teacher and stay with their teacher until collected.

### **Lunches**

Please be aware that your child will no longer automatically receive free school lunches. From Year 3 onwards you are required to make a payment of £2.20 for a school lunch and this can be made through ParentPay. If you are in receipt of certain benefits you may be entitled to Free School Meals, for more information on this please visit <https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals>

**You will also need to provide a snack for your child for morning break, in line with our Healthy Eating Policy (copy on our school website), as this is not provided for children once they reach junior school.**

### **SchoolPing**

The school uses a communication app called 'SchoolPing'. It is important that we have an email address for yourself to provide you with a sign in, as we do not send paper copies home. **This is our only way of communicating with parents.**

**Please see the school website for further information for everything else you need to know about the school.**

We look forward to working with you.

Yours sincerely



**Maddie Southern**  
**Headteacher**

