



Parents' and Pupils' Transition Information July 2020

Welcome to Year 3

Let me introduce myself..

I have worked at our Lady of Fatima Primary School for....ages.
I like to teach in every class but I especially like Year 3 because I think it is such a special year.

Hello, my name is Mrs Workman and I am really looking forward to welcoming you to Year 3- the first year in the Juniors!

I love music and I play guitar at school but I also play lots of other musical instruments.

I also enjoy gardening and sewing and definitely reading.

Next year as well as getting to know all of you, I'll be looking forward to...
First Holy Communion and Reconciliation. This will be a wonderful experience for you and your families.



My Favourite colour is ... I can't decide...maybe blue or green... or perhaps purple.

A little known fact about me is that I once won a national competition for playing my mandolin.

I do enjoy everyday but my favourite day is topic sharing day.

I used to be scared of the dark- but I am getting braver!
I wish I was scared of... chocolate!

From Infants to Juniors

Now you are growing up
and you will be ready for a new challenge.



Some things will stay the same and some things will be different.

Same	Different
hall, dining room, computer suite	classroom
teachers (mostly) – you'll see your previous teachers around the school	class teacher- that's me!
school rules	Some class rules and expectations might be different because you are older now.
dinners	dinner time!

From Infants to Juniors

There are also lots of changes in the transition between Infant and Junior life.
Here are some things you will notice.

Infant Playground



Bigger playground.

You'll have to get used to the new playground and more older children.
The good thing is, it's right next to the field and when the weather is good we can use all of that space.



Junior Playground



This is the Junior entrance.



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Infant dinner time



Dinner time

You'll have to get used to having your dinner a little later.

At first this might be tricky because you will be used to eating earlier- but you'll get used to it.

Junior dinner time



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Year 2

You'll be saying goodbye to Class 2 but you will pass it on your way to the Computer Suite.



Classroom

You will need to get used to a different classroom and where to find all of the equipment you will use. We will have different cupboards and shelves including a walk in cupboard. I call it "my office"! **There is also a room next door called "The Practical Room". There is a sink in there and lots of paints and art equipment.**

Year 3

Class 3 is right at the bottom of the Junior Corridor.

It is about **40 steps** from Class 2 (but I am sure Mrs Levack will pop by to keep herself fit!)



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Year 2

In Year 2 you hung your coat and P.E. Bag on your peg.



Pegs to lockers

In the Juniors the children have their own locker for everything. Yes, everything!

- coat
- P.E. bag
- lunch box
- bag

Year 3

In Year 3 you will have your own locker.

You can take your book bag and water bottle into the classroom.

You have to be organised at the beginning of the day!



From Infants to Juniors

Rules

You'll find out some of the rules and expectations for Year 3 when we meet in September.

Our most important rules are:

Look after each other.

Look after class equipment.

Do your best in work and play.

You also need to make sure you:

Do your homework on time.

Homework is given to pupils on a Friday and must be returned completed by the following Thursday.

Read every night

This is so important for your learning.

Be organised with your things

Try to remember what you need to bring into the classroom in the mornings.

Reconciliation and First Holy Communion

This year is important because you get ready for two important Sacraments.

A Sacrament is a meeting with God.

This year you will meet God to say sorry in the Sacrament of Reconciliation (in March).



Later in the year you will meet God in the Sacrament of Holy Communion (in May). In this sacrament you will receive Jesus in the bread and wine.



Reconciliation and First Holy Communion

You will get ready by going to special Masses where you will take an extra special part by reading or taking up the offertory or singing or taking some special prayers and gifts to the altar.

You will also get ready at school by learning more about your faith and about the Mass so you can become more grown up members of God's family.

In school, you will work in a special silver book and you bring in special pencil crayons that you only use for this special work.



Expectations

At Our Lady of Fatima we pride ourselves in maintaining high expectations and appreciate your support with these too.

- Children in neat and tidy full uniform every day with correct socks and black shoes.
- Only one pair of plain, round stud earrings (no shapes or patterns) in the lobes of the ears. Watches are allowed but not smart watches in which messages can be sent and received
- Please do not get your child's ears pierced during school time. It must be done in the six week holiday and the children must be able to take the earrings out and put them in for PE sessions independently. Staff are not allowed to touch the piercings.
- No other jewellery is allowed
- No nail varnish allowed
- No extreme hair styles – tram lines etc.
- Long hair must be tied back (for girls AND boys).



Expectations Continued

As you already know, as parents, you are the primary educators of your children. You all play a crucial role in the education of your children along with us all here at Our Lady of Fatima.

- Please ensure you are encouraging your child to be independent e.g. carrying their own bags into school, getting their PE bags ready for the correct days, having the equipment they need, handing in their homework on time etc.
- Children should be able to cut up their own food at dinner times unless they have a particular need in being able to do this
- Reading, writing and maths activities should be encouraged at home (more to follow in the upcoming slides).
- Please encourage children to look after their belongings
- Everything should be labelled



Homework

- It is vital that parents display a positive attitude to homework and value its importance. It is also important for parents to recognise that it is the children's responsibility to complete work too.
- If parents feel that the homework is insufficient for their child's needs, they are encouraged to take responsibility for the child's learning themselves (as co-educators with the school), by visiting the local library, providing other educational opportunities by visiting local places of interest or by buying homework books from local bookshops.
- Teachers will be more than happy to provide you with a list of educational websites to help with homework and revision.
- If parents have any queries or questions about homework, they should, in the first instance, contact the child's class teacher.

Pupils with special educational needs

- We set homework for all children as a normal part of school life. We ensure that all tasks set are appropriate to the ability of the child. If a child has special needs, we endeavour to adapt any task set so that all children can contribute in a positive way.

Homework in Key Stage 2

We have a consistent approach to homework across our four Key Stage 2 classes.

- Reading should be completed every night and recorded in their reading record.
- Times tables should be learnt by heart (by the end of Year 4, children should know ALL times tables up to 12 x 12 in and out of order)
- Spellings should be learnt every week.
- All homework including online homework, such as Purple Mash, should be completed when set. Opportunities will be provided for children who do not have access to the internet or parents should visit the local library with their children to use the computers free of charge. Children can access these resources independently even when homework is not set.
- Any other topic work/project work should be completed when set (usually over the course of a number of weeks).

First Holy Communion Preparation

Your child has reached an important Sacramental year as they will now be preparing for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion.

You soon be given a list of important dates for your diary for the preparation Parents' Meetings, Masses and the dates of the Sacraments. It is essential that you attend all of the preparation meetings and Masses, so please make a note of these dates, so that you can arrange child care to be able to attend.

Attendance at Sunday Mass is crucial so that your child can develop their understanding of the Mass and responses they are expected to learn. Prayer, Liturgy and understanding of the Gospel message is an integral part of your child's education here at Our Lady of Fatima School. Please do try to support and encourage your child in this very special year.

Any Questions?



Please email Year3@olfatima.bham.sch.uk



See you all in September!