



## Temple Grafton Church of England Primary School

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Dear Parents

As your child gets ready to move into Class 2 in September we thought that the following information would be useful to explain some of the differences in organisation compared to Class 1.

Class 2 is a mixed age class of 30 with all the Year 1 and Year 2 children. A key focus is on supporting the children to become more independent. Mrs Hood will be teaching the class on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Friday morning; Mrs Hendry will be teaching the class all day Wednesday and Friday afternoon; Mrs Staples-Grantham will be with the class one afternoon a week; the teaching assistants will be Mrs McGahan and Mrs Byrd.

### Routines

In the mornings the children will say goodbye to you on the playground, come in through the main door and hang their own coats and bags up. They will have help at first from the older pupils. They take their book-bags and water bottles into the classroom where they put them in their trays.

Their reading books are placed in coloured boxes on the window ledge desk so that they can be changed. We aim to change books on a daily basis. In order to do so we need to you to record in the reading diary that a book has been completed at home. As there are a larger number of children in the class, the children will not read as frequently with an adult as they did in Class 1 and so it is really important that they continue to read with you at home.

The children will do PE twice a week and will need to have their PE kit in school every day. It is handy to have a pair of trainers as well because they will be doing sport outside and pumps are not suitable.

The children may bring in a small pencil case of their own with a set of coloured pencils. Please make sure that the case and the pencils are clearly labelled with your child's name and that the pencil case does not contain any other types of writing implement or stationary items as these are provided in class.

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please contact the School Office for assistance.\*\*

The children can continue to have school milk provided that you have ordered it from Cool Milk and they will continue to receive a piece of fruit each day. Snack time is at morning break in Class 2. Show and Tell is usually once a week and the children will be told when that is when the timetables are finalised. Apart from Show and Tell the children should not bring in toys unless they are needed as a comfort/support in which case we ask you to speak to us about how we can best support your child.

Mrs Hood or I will be out on the playground every evening and you can catch us then if you have any concerns. Miss Britt is on the door every morning and will collect messages for teachers and pass them on to them.

If you want to see one of us to speak about something in more depth please speak with us to make a mutually convenient appointment or ask Miss Britt if she can arrange one. As you can appreciate the start of the day is very busy so we are unable to offer appointments at this time.

### Homework

In addition to reading at home on a regular basis, the children will be expected to complete small homework tasks to support their learning. Details of the homework timetable will be shared with you at the start of term.

We will be holding our annual Parents' Information Evening in September and hope to see you all there. In the meantime, if you have any questions do not hesitate to contact us.

Yours Sincerely

Mrs Hood

Mrs Hendry

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