**DRIFFIELD JUNIOR SCHOOL**

 15th June 2020

Dear Parents/Carers

Year 2 to year 3 transition

First of all, I hope you are all keeping well and that you and your children have been coping well during this challenging lockdown period.

I wanted to let you all know that, although it may not seem as though anything has been happening for transition, behind the scenes staff have been busy adapting the usual year 2 to year 3 arrangements in preparation for the next academic year and key staff at your child’s current school, and at ours, have already been holding virtual meetings to discuss pupils and their particular needs.

We understand that infant to junior transition can cause some children, and their parents, to become anxious or concerned. This year those anxieties may well be heightened further for some children because they have not fully completed year 2, and the end to their time at the infant school has been far from normal. Don’t worry, we will factor this into our planning for the autumn term and beyond and will do everything we can to address any emotional needs as well as any gaps in children’s learning.

I don’t want to go into too much detail in this letter as it will all become very evident soon but, starting next week (week beginning 22nd June), Mr Addy our year 3 leader will be contacting you by post with further information which will really help you and your child to start gaining a better understanding of the school, the staff and the what you will need to do in preparation for your child starting year 3.

At this time of year we normally invite parents to an information evening in the school hall but, of course, it is not going to be possible this year. To ensure you don’t miss out in any way, the same information will be presented as a video during week commencing 29th June and you will have chance to ask questions through email (more details to follow).

During the week starting 6th July you will receive a letter informing you of the name of your child’s year 3 teacher and we will also be inviting you to watch a video of the teacher introducing themselves. A further informal video of myself and other senior staff introducing themselves and telling you and your child a bit about themselves will also be available that week.

Close to the end of the term, each child will be given a transition booklet containing key information written in ‘child speak’ and with lots of photos. This helps them to be able to visualise the school, the staff etc over the holidays; in the past this has proved to be very popular. The booklet also contains some little tasks for the children to complete and bring with them when they start in year 3.

In the meantime, I wish you all well and hope to see you all very soon.

Best wishes,

**L J Laird**

Mrs Linda Laird

Headteacher