



# Alverstone Church of England Junior School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

The governors, staff and pupils of Alverstone Junior School are delighted that your child will be joining us for the new academic year in September 2020 and I wanted to take this early opportunity to welcome your family to our school community.

Taking the next step with your child's learning journey is an exciting time and we work extremely closely with our colleagues at Alverstone Infant School to ensure a very smooth transition for your child into Key Stage 2. Over the next few months, we will liaise with Year 2 teachers and support staff to ensure that all relevant information is passed on to us so that we can build upon their expertise and knowledge of your child.

I will write to you again soon with further details of the events that run to support families with the social, emotional and academic aspects of transition. In the past this has included Year 6 'buddy' sessions, 'Meet and Greet' sessions for parents, shared lunches and transition days where children have a taster of working at the Junior School. Our Year 3 teachers also visit children within their Year 2 setting, working alongside their existing teachers in a familiar environment.

Please be reassured that whilst this year feels more uncertain than usual, we will be working together to establish the best possible approach to the current situation. Once we know more about the duration of school closures and timescales for fully re-opening and have set specific dates and activities, we will of course be in touch.

Nearer the time, we will also provide helpful tips on how you can support your child to be fully prepared for and excited to 'jump up to juniors' in September. Practical information regarding school timings, uniforms etc... will also follow so that you can get organised early.

In the meantime, why not share our weekly newsletters on our school website and the Year 3 curriculum pages with your child to give them a flavour of life at the Juniors.

We look forward to meeting you and your child soon and working closely with you in the future.

Best wishes,

Clare Slowther  
Headteacher