



Headteacher: Mrs K Partington

19th May 2020

Dear Parent(s)/Carer(s),

We are delighted that your child has been offered a place at Southdale for September 2020 and we would like to take this opportunity to welcome you to the Southdale family. Our Year 3 teaching staff team will be Miss Stott, who is the year group leader (3LS), Mrs Helliwell (3LH), and Mrs Garnett (3SG).

I want to assure you that throughout these uncertain times, we will do our utmost to work closely with your child's current school to sustain this smooth transition. It is with great sadness that we can't follow our normal transition arrangements this year, but we are working with Dimple Well, South Ossett, and other schools to ensure a happy transfer in your child's big step to junior school. Our feeder schools are currently working together so that your child can be organised into their year 3 class. As soon as we receive this information, your child's new class teacher will be in touch which will give you the opportunity to speak to them, and for you to become more familiar with the school.

Attached within this pack is a letter from Finlay O'Connor who is the JLT (Junior Leadership Team) representative for Year 3. He was asked to write a letter to our Year 2 children to help them with transition; he said he wanted to do something to help school as a member of the JLT and I don't think there could be a better introduction to Southdale than this!

Southdale 'Buddies', specially chosen from our current Y5, will spend time with your children when they arrive in September. This will give them a "grown up" friend to support them when they arrive. Our aim is to ensure your child's first week at Southdale is a transition week so that your child can settle into the daily routines; get to know each other and have the chance to experience the exciting opportunities that they would normally have had throughout this summer term.

I know how vital working in partnership with parents really is in order for children to find school a positive and rewarding experience. Normally we would hold a transition evening in July where you can meet the entire team; this will now take place in the autumn term once Government guidelines say it is safe to do so. If there are any extra detail that you wish to pass on to us about your child and their transition to Southdale, please contact us using the email address: l.stott@southdale.wakefield.sch.uk and Miss Stott will contact you directly. If you would like to speak to the Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator about your child's needs, please contact Mrs Randall using the email address r.randall@southdale.wakefield.sch.uk.

We shall post out our prospectus to you later this summer with all the information you need and look forward to opening our doors and welcoming you to the Southdale family.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs Partington
Headteacher