

Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope you and your families are well at this time. The COVID -19 pandemic means we are living in unprecedented times. Nearly every aspect of our ordinary lives is being affected and we are all doing our best to find ways to manage and adapt to a different world. The challenge for all families is great at the moment, but for families with children about to move to a new school, I understand that you must be feeling added anxiety, apprehension and frustration.

As the world we currently live in is one of necessary safety restrictions, we are finding new ways to meet and interact with children, their families and their learning. In the past we would have held face to face meetings with our colleagues at Hadleigh Infant School, visited your children in their classrooms and been busily planning for their visit to our school. All of these things at the present time are unable to happen so we are trying something new. We will meet with our colleagues virtually and we will meet your children in new ways. Please rest assured that we have been and, will continue to be working hard over the coming weeks, to give you as much information and support as is possible in preparation for your child's transition to Hadleigh Junior School.

I would like to take this opportunity to direct you to our school website, take some time to explore the site before heading to the Year 3 curriculum page. Click on the Our School tab, and then use the drop down menu to select Curriculum before clicking on the Year 3 icon.

<https://www.hadleighjuniorschool.co.uk/year-3-curriculum/>

Here you will find some information to get you started on your 'Journey to the Junior School'. You will find:

- an information leaflet for parents;
- an information leaflet for children;
- A virtual tour of the school, including a peek inside the Year 3 classrooms, made by our children;
- four completed fact files, one for each of the Year 3 teachers so you can get to know us in advance;
- and blank fact file page for your child to complete.

This area of the website will be updated over the next few weeks as we pull together more information and attempt to answer some of your questions.

When you have looked at the information, we would appreciate it if you could help your child to create a fact file about themselves and send it to us so we can start to get to know them. You can use the blank fact file page from the website and email it to us using this address:

[year\\_3@hadleigh-jun.essex.sch.uk](mailto:year_3@hadleigh-jun.essex.sch.uk)

We will be holding Facebook live events, for parents, where we will give you an insight into life at Hadleigh Junior School and we will attempt to answer as many of your questions as we can. Please look out for the dates and times of these events.

We look forward to meeting you all.

Miss Parkinson and the Year 3 Team.

