

## Parent Council

*This leaflet has been designed by the Parent Council in order to ease the transition from Key Stage 1 to Key Stage 2 for the children and give information to parents so that they know what happens at this time of change. This was an area the Parent Council felt needed to be developed within the school and we hope that you have found this leaflet of benefit not just to you but for your child as well.*



**Happy Transition**

At the beginning of the Autumn Term please spend a few moments to give us some feedback as to how the transition from Key Stage 1 to Key Stage 2 went for your child. We would also like to know how useful you found this leaflet. The details for constructive comments are below.

**E-mail:**  
**[parentcouncil@welwynst-marys.herts.sch.uk](mailto:parentcouncil@welwynst-marys.herts.sch.uk)**

Or

use the Parent Council messages and suggestion box which is on the wall outside AK2 in the infant playground.



**Welwyn St.  
Mary's Primary  
School**

## **A GUIDE TO TRANSITION FROM KEY STAGE 1 TO KEY STAGE 2**



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## Entering Key Stage 2

Even though the children do not have to go far when they move from Year 2 to Year 3 at Welwyn St. Mary's, there are some changes which inevitably occur. This leaflet will outline some of those changes and give you some 'top tips' on how to make the transition from Key Stage 1 to Key Stage 2 as smooth as possible.

### Some of the changes

- At the start of the day the children wait on the Key Stage 2 playground and enter school via the back double doors.
- Key Stage 2 children do not get an afternoon play.
- Milk and fruit are not provided by the Government any more.
- School finishes at 3.20pm.
- The class teacher does not accompany the children out of the school at the end of the day.

### School Procedures to help the children settle in quickly

1. A buddy system is in place. In the Summer Term the Year 2 children are paired with a Year 3 child so in September they have a familiar face and someone to go to if they need help.
2. The Year 2 children have some break times up on the Key Stage 2 playground during the summer term so they know what to expect in the new school year.
3. Some Year 6 children and a teacher will greet the children on the first couple of days until they are familiar with walking up to the Key Stage 2 playground.
4. A teacher is always on duty on the Key Stage 2 playground from around 8.40am.
5. The children going into Year 3 will start with an afternoon play for the first week or so — this will then be phased out.
6. Staff are always available to see parents. If there is an important

message to give to the teacher before school, teachers are available from 8.30am or tell the office who will always relay the message. If the matter is not of an urgent nature either contact the office to make an appointment to see the class teacher or go up to the classroom and arrange an appropriate time to meet.

### The Parent Council's Top Tips

- \* Practise the short walk up to the Key Stage 2 playground now.
- \* Provide your child with a **fruit** snack and water bottle each day.
- \* Encourage your child to be more responsible for remembering to bring home their book bags, lunch boxes, jumpers and musical instruments.
- \* Decide on a meeting point at the end of the school day; the Year 3 children leave school by the exit door outside the current NP4 classroom and walk down to the area by the bike shelter.