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Dear Year 2 Families,

Welcome:

We would like to welcome you to our Junior School at Balksbury Federation; we are excited that you have chosen us to continue your child's educational journey.

At Balksbury Federation, we believe that education is a powerful gift and is ours to give. We are committed to providing your child with an enriching and inspiring curriculum which will not only support your child academically, but will develop your child into a well-rounded and responsible individual.

Our vision, values and ethos at Balksbury aim to enable and empower our children to become lifelong learners by creating a safe and inclusive learning environment that nurtures individuality, and enhances potential. We strongly believe that our motto, 'Learning & Growing Together' is at the heart of our federated community.

Transition:

Transition from Year 2 to Year 3 is carefully planned so that children begin their journey at the Junior School feeling settled and confident.

Over the summer term, Year 2 children will participate in a number visits to Year 3 so that they can familiarise themselves with their new learning environment and have the opportunity to chat to the current Year 3 children about life at the Junior School. The children will also begin French lessons this term ready for this Junior School subject.

On **Tuesday 1st July**, the children will spend a morning with their new class teachers in their new classrooms. If your child will benefit from additional transition, your child's class teacher will discuss this with you.

Next steps for you as a parent:

As your child already attends Balksbury Infant School, there is no additional paperwork for you to complete when changing to the Junior School. However, please let us know of anything you feel is important for us to know.

We would like to invite you to our parent meeting on **Thursday 19**th **June**, from 3:30pm to 4:30pm. This is to support your transition as a parent, share important information and answer any questions you may have. Children are welcome to come along with you – there will be lots to see and explore. The meeting will take place in the **Junior School Hall** - enter through the Junior School reception. After the parent meeting, the Year 3 Team will send a newsletter to introduce themselves.

Once again, welcome to the Junior School, please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or concerns.

Kind regards,

The Balksbury Federated Team