



Emmanuel CE Middle School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome you and your child to our Emmanuel Middle School community - we are thrilled you are joining us and know your child will thrive at Emmanuel. We have an excellent transition team, all of whom have forged strong relationships with our first schools over the years, and a lot of transition work is already underway between Emmanuel and your child's first school in order to make their move as smooth as possible.

As part of our dedicated transition process, Mrs Dibben Head of Year 5, Mrs Prestage, our SENDCo, and our Pastoral Support Team will be in close contact with your child's first school teacher and SENDCo to ensure that the right information is transferred. Through this process, we can be confident in building on your child's achievements from Year 4 and spot if, for whatever reason, they need a little extra encouragement in any areas as they move into Year 5.

A key aspect of transition is matching your child to peers in a classroom. Our local first schools have a consistent approach regarding the information given to Emmanuel, which will then help place your child in their year 5 class. There are many aspects which must be considered when making these decisions such as ensuring we have a consistent boy/girl ratio within the classes, and a balance of pupil ability, including any children who have SEND requirements. We recognise the importance of working together as a partnership, and therefore, we are asking for your contribution in your child's transition. We would like you and your child to decide on up to 4 children (in no particular order) who they work well with to be in their year 5 class.

It is important that the names you submit are children with whom your child has a positive learning partnership within the classroom. Sometimes, best friends in the playground don't always make the best classmates. There is plenty of social time in the day for all pupils to mix. Please also avoid placing names on the list at the request of another parent especially if this would be a problem if your child was only placed with this child (see below).

We would be very grateful if you could respond by **Friday 22nd May** with your 4 friendship choices via email to this address, admissions@emmanuelmiddle.org Please include your child's full name and current school in the subject of the email and then list your friendship choices including full first and surnames. Please note, unless there are fewer children joining the school from their current first school, we ask that you submit 4 names. *These names can be a child from a different school as long as you know that they are attending EMS in September.*

After all this information has been gathered, it will then be used to put the children into classes by middle school staff. We aim to ensure that at least 1 child from your list is placed in the same class as your child. At the time of emailing could you please also let us know if you have moved address since you made your application to the local authority for your child's place.





Our transition process also includes two key events that we would like to bring to your attention.

- **Wednesday 24th June, 6.30pm - New Year 5 Induction Evening (primarily for parents).** This evening will provide important information regarding EMS and your child's new class tutor and House.
- **Friday 26th June - Transfer Day for all new Year 5 pupils (due to start in Sept 2026).** Details of this day will be shared closer to the time.

We will be writing to you shortly to share further information, including some key admission documents that we will ask you to complete and return. In the meantime, please find attached an up to date uniform list and uniform letter. Our branded school uniform items are available from Bartletts in Wimborne (<https://bartlettsofwimborne.co.uk/>). Please also find attached information from Bartletts about booking appointments for the summer holiday period. You will notice that we have introduced new school ties and PE tops to reflect your child's House. Details of your child's House will be given at Introduction Evening on 24th June.

Thank you in advance for your co-operation in aiding the transfer process from first to middle school. If you feel we can be of any further assistance in preparing your child for joining us or you have any questions, then please do not hesitate to contact us by e-mailing office@emmanuelmiddle.org

We are absolutely committed to making your child's first experiences of Emmanuel entirely consistent with our core values of Excellence, Endeavour and Enjoyment, and I am confident that we can work together at this time to best support your child as they make a successful transition to middle school.

I very much look forward to welcoming you to Emmanuel Middle School over the coming months.

Yours faithfully,

Mr Rob Christopher
Headteacher