

We have put together a list of FAQ for you. There is also a video for you to watch with some of our Year 6 pupils asking the questions and Mrs Connolly answering them. Please remember that we are answering the questions as if things were normal. As we are updated with further guidance for plans for September we will let you know. Please bare in mind that things could look very different in September while we are living with Covid-19. We will continue to follow guidance given to us by the Government.

FAQ for Year 2 Transition

- **Will I be with my friends in my class?**

There are 2, Year 3 classes at Old Catton, 3C is Miss Cooper's Class and 3E is Mr Eastwood's Class. When we speak to your teachers at your infant school, they let us now who you may like to be with in the new classes. We try to make sure that you are with some of your friends but you might not be with everyone you want! It's hard to organise that for everyone. You will see your friends at breaks and lunchtimes and you will also be in different classes for English and Maths lessons so this is another chance for you to work with and meet different children. Coming to Junior School is a great opportunity to make new friends too!

- **How will I find my way around?**

Our school is not much bigger than your infant schools. We have 230 children in our school at the moment and 8 classes. The buildings are split into two. We call the Year 3 building "the Old School", as this is the Victorian part of our school building. In this part we have our two Year 3 classes, the library and the ICT suite. You will spend lots of your time in this building. The main school building is where the year 4, 5 and 6 classes are, as well as the Hall. It is a long straight building, so it's hard to get lost because there's only one corridor! All the classroom come off the one corridor so they are easy to find. Everyone is really helpful and friendly, so if you do get lost, just ask someone for some help and they will show you where to go.



- **What do I need to bring with me?**

When you come into school on the first day you really don't need very much at all. You would need your lunch - either a packed lunch from home or money to buy a school dinner. You would need your PE kit ready to keep in school for your PE lessons, a change of shoes for going inside and outside, a coat and a water bottle. That's it!

- **Where will I get dropped off and picked up?**

We have two main school gates. One is off the recreation ground road and the other is off Church Street. The Church Street gate is closest to the Year 3 building so most Year 3s come in and out of school at this gate. At the beginning of the day, you leave your parent or carer at the gate and then walk round to the playground where there will be teachers on duty. At the end of the day you leave your building and meet your parents or carers back at the gate, ready to go home. To start the term we let your parents and carers bring you onto the playground to help you settle in. After a couple of weeks you will be ready to do this without them and walk round to the playground by yourself!

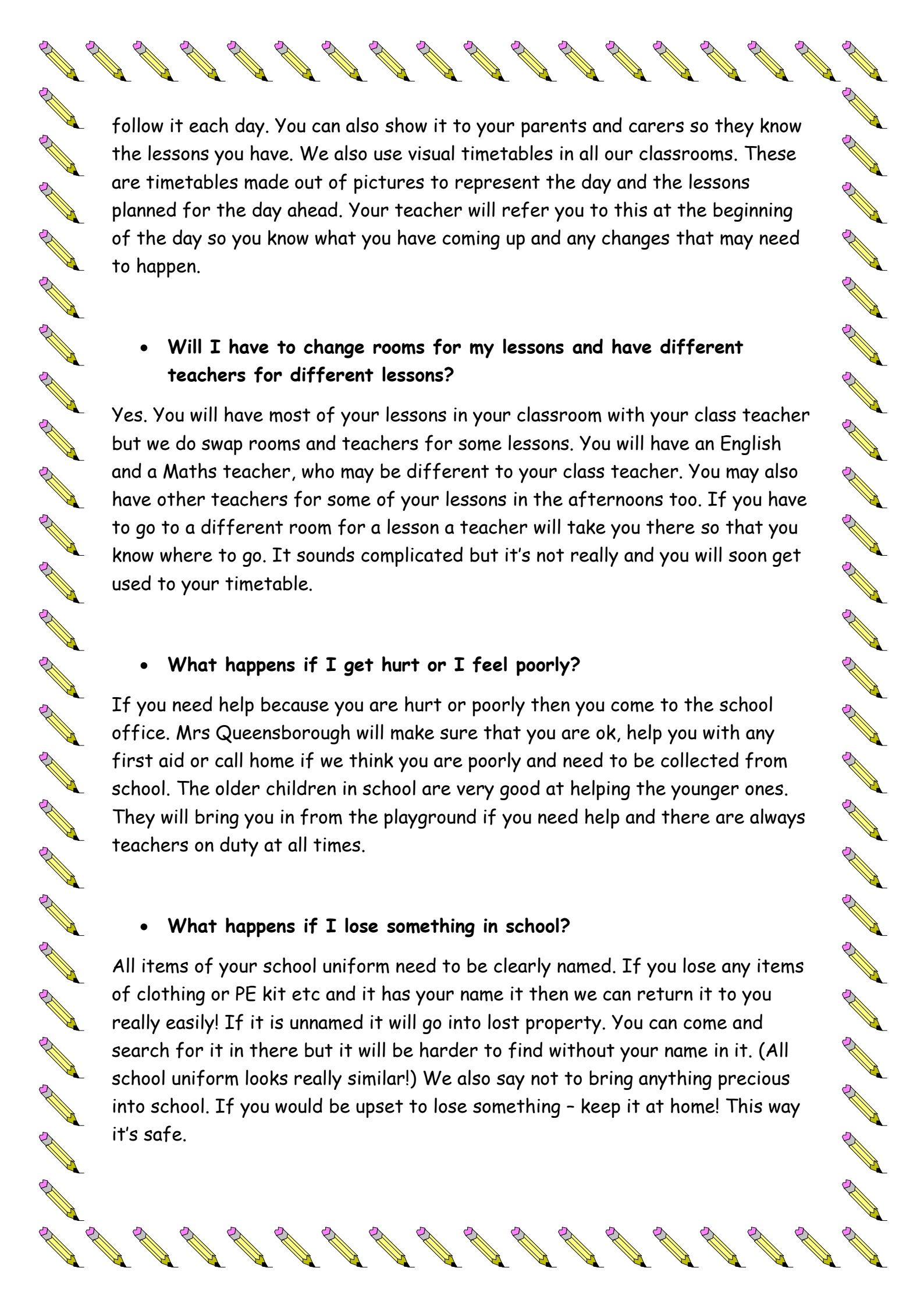
- **How do I pay for my dinner?**

At Junior School we ask that you are responsible for your own money and paying for your lunch and snacks. This is part of growing up and becoming independent. If you would like to buy a school dinner or tuck at break time, you need to bring your money in a named purse. You then keep your money in your desk or your teacher can help you look after it. You take your money to the Hall at break time to buy tuck and at lunch time to buy lunch. Any change goes back in your purse, ready to take home in your school bag at the end of the day. The teachers and midday supervisors will be there to help you manage lunchtimes and break times - so do not worry!

Lunches cost £2.20, snacks and drinks are all 50p or under.

- **How will I remember my lessons each day?**

You will have a timetable that tells you the lessons you have each day. Your timetable is stuck into your homework diary so that you can keep it with you and



follow it each day. You can also show it to your parents and carers so they know the lessons you have. We also use visual timetables in all our classrooms. These are timetables made out of pictures to represent the day and the lessons planned for the day ahead. Your teacher will refer you to this at the beginning of the day so you know what you have coming up and any changes that may need to happen.

- **Will I have to change rooms for my lessons and have different teachers for different lessons?**

Yes. You will have most of your lessons in your classroom with your class teacher but we do swap rooms and teachers for some lessons. You will have an English and a Maths teacher, who may be different to your class teacher. You may also have other teachers for some of your lessons in the afternoons too. If you have to go to a different room for a lesson a teacher will take you there so that you know where to go. It sounds complicated but it's not really and you will soon get used to your timetable.

- **What happens if I get hurt or I feel poorly?**

If you need help because you are hurt or poorly then you come to the school office. Mrs Queensborough will make sure that you are ok, help you with any first aid or call home if we think you are poorly and need to be collected from school. The older children in school are very good at helping the younger ones. They will bring you in from the playground if you need help and there are always teachers on duty at all times.

- **What happens if I lose something in school?**

All items of your school uniform need to be clearly named. If you lose any items of clothing or PE kit etc and it has your name it then we can return it to you really easily! If it is unnamed it will go into lost property. You can come and search for it in there but it will be harder to find without your name in it. (All school uniform looks really similar!) We also say not to bring anything precious into school. If you would be upset to lose something - keep it at home! This way it's safe.



- **How much homework will I get?**

You will have homework every week. At Old Catton we ask that you read every night and get at least 5 signatures from an adult at home to say that you have done your reading. You will also be set maths homework every week by your maths teacher and spellings to learn from your English teacher. The reading, maths and spellings are compulsory for everyone. If you would like to do more homework, there are project homework tasks that you can ask your teacher for. These are extra and not compulsory.

- **Are there residential trips at Old Catton Junior School?**

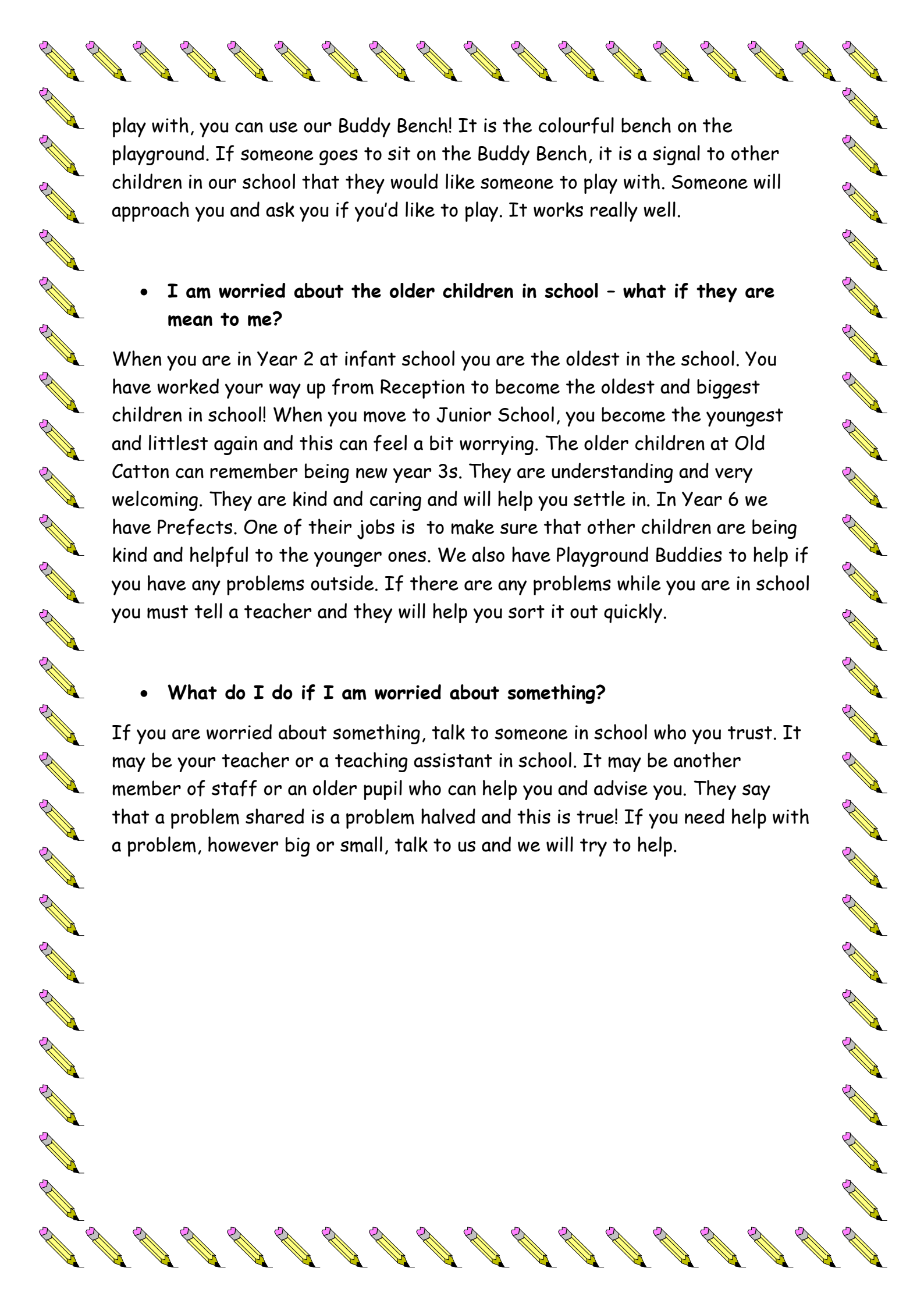
Yes, we run two residential trips in the time you are at Junior School. One is in Year 4, where we go for two nights to stay at Holt Hall and the other is in Year 5, where we go for two nights to Hilltop. In Year 6 we go for 3 days to Whitlingham Outdoor Adventure Activity Centre but this is not a residential trip which means we don't stay over. In Year 3 we only do day trips.

- **Will I get a detention at Junior School?**

Hopefully not! A detention is when you have done something wrong and you need to reflect on what has happened and put it right. If your name gets put in the red or blue book by a teacher, then you have to do a detention. This is where you would miss half an hour of your lunchtime to make up for what went wrong. It may be that you need to write an apology to someone to say sorry or that you need to complete work that was missed when you weren't doing it in your lesson time. Once the detention is completed, a line is drawn under the event and we all move forward.

- **What will I do if I don't know anyone at my new school or I don't have anyone to play with?**

If you are coming to Old Catton from Garrick Green, then it's very likely that you'll know lots of other children who are coming to our school as well. If you are coming from a different feeder school, please don't worry! We have children coming to us from various schools. Your teachers will make sure that you are buddied up with other children so you are not alone and you will soon make new friends. If there is ever a time when you are by yourself and want someone to



play with, you can use our Buddy Bench! It is the colourful bench on the playground. If someone goes to sit on the Buddy Bench, it is a signal to other children in our school that they would like someone to play with. Someone will approach you and ask you if you'd like to play. It works really well.

- **I am worried about the older children in school - what if they are mean to me?**

When you are in Year 2 at infant school you are the oldest in the school. You have worked your way up from Reception to become the oldest and biggest children in school! When you move to Junior School, you become the youngest and littlest again and this can feel a bit worrying. The older children at Old Catton can remember being new year 3s. They are understanding and very welcoming. They are kind and caring and will help you settle in. In Year 6 we have Prefects. One of their jobs is to make sure that other children are being kind and helpful to the younger ones. We also have Playground Buddies to help if you have any problems outside. If there are any problems while you are in school you must tell a teacher and they will help you sort it out quickly.

- **What do I do if I am worried about something?**

If you are worried about something, talk to someone in school who you trust. It may be your teacher or a teaching assistant in school. It may be another member of staff or an older pupil who can help you and advise you. They say that a problem shared is a problem halved and this is true! If you need help with a problem, however big or small, talk to us and we will try to help.