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28.6.21

Dear Parents and Carers,

## **Re: New Starter Transition Days**

Following further advice to all schools from the Local Authority on 25.6.21, it is with deep regret that the planned 'in school' sessions for the New Reception children must be cancelled.

Children from different nurseries are not permitted to be together on the same day – either inside or outside. Despite the fact that many new starters are families we are already exposed to in the sense of Covid, the Local Authority Health and Safety Team will not allow it as the risk is exacerbated for the nursery settings.

In the Parent meeting tonight (Monday 28<sup>th</sup>) Mrs Brearton will explain the online transition sessions and how they work. Although we hoped that these could be in person, the online sessions worked very well last year, and the children settled in very quickly to school.

On one of the Teams sessions with the children, Mrs Brearton will share a PowerPoint showing all of the areas of provision, the classroom setting and other areas of school like the hall. You will be able to refer to this over the holidays so that your child feels confident and familiar with the setting.

There will also be a Story Time session on Teams too.

We will keep these sessions to the allocated dates already shared but for obvious reasons the sessions won't be as long as previously planned so the times will be confirmed in due course.

We will add another Teams session later in July too for a final story and 'sharing' session too.

Mrs Brearton will set a task to complete over the summer so that your child can bring it to school on the first day in September. They will explain this at the parent meeting.

If you feel that it is essential that your child visits the setting and meets the class Teacher there, and that they will be confident to go into the building alone (the Local Authority has not permitted parents to be in school as part of the transition) please let school know and a 15-minute session can be arranged at the end of a school day that is mutually convenient. This is only an option if you think this is vital for the transition process. Unlike last year, we are not permitted to have all children from all nurseries meeting together outside either as they will still return to their nursery setting.

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The aim is to get the children into school full time as quickly as possible. We have found that this actually settles the children much quicker and it's easier for parents managing work to not have an extended settling in period.

If the class teacher feels that the child needs a longer settling in period, they will discuss this with you at the time.

## September settling in:

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> September – 9:30am – 11am Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> September – 9:30am – 11:45am Friday 10<sup>th</sup> September – 9:15am – 2:30pm From Monday 13<sup>th</sup> September, full days – 8:55am – 3:15pm

We look forward to meeting you and getting to know your child/ren.

Miss Z Pickard Headteacher