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Dear Parents and Carers

Reception Induction Autumn Term 2020

We find ourselves in an unprecedented set of circumstances and anticipate the possible anxiety your family may currently feel about your child's transition into Reception. Consequently, we are taking this opportunity to assure you that an induction process of some kind will take place; however currently you will understand that we cannot be specific about how and when. Schools are working within a constantly changing environment, with different versions of guidance coming from the DfE on a daily basis. We therefore ask for your patience whilst we put together plans which are practical, flexible and above-all mutually beneficial in supporting the best possible start to your child's school life.

As tempting as it might be to ring our school office with a list of questions, we ask that you please wait until you hear from us instead. We promise we will be in touch to share our plans for induction once we are clearer about the way forward nationally.

We fully understand how worrying this might feel but the most important thing is that you and your child are well and happy, we will be ready to resume learning quickly and positively when this is all over. Please be assured that we are committed to working through this challenging time together.

We know that our Reception learning plans will need adaptation to recap pre-school learning, so that any learning missed is addressed. To help with this we will be talking to pre-school settings, as we always do, to find out where your child is in their development and learning. We will also be speaking to you directly to find out all about your child and to help us to begin to get to know them. These meetings usually take place within the context of a home visit or visits to school, however if this isn't possible, we will look to being creative and make sure we receive the information we all need. You will also receive paperwork from us to fill in about your child, which will help us to prepare to meet their needs in the very best way when they join our school family.

Every single child in the country, that will start Reception in the autumn term, will be in the same position as yours. Our promise to you is that we will continue to work in partnership, wherever possible, to ensure your child's start to school is both as exciting and positive as we can collectively make it.

Yours Sincerely,

Victoria Abbott
Headteacher

