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Dear Parents/Carers

We are delighted that your child has been offered a place in our Reception year at St Peter's Primary School, and we very much hope that you will accept this place. You can do this by logging into your [eadmissions account](#). If you wish to decline the place then please do so as soon as possible, so that the place can be offered to another child.

Under normal circumstances this letter would contain details of a date for a new parents evening here at school in June, and also a uniform sale by Hewitt's of Croydon who supply our uniform. But of course with the current situation regarding coronavirus the school is currently closed to all pupils except those of key workers, so we cannot plan either of these events at the moment.

Before the lockdown we had anticipated the following timetable:

Week beginning Monday 7 Sept: Reception staff carry out home visits

Wednesday 16 Sept: Reception pupils start part-time (either mornings or afternoons)

Monday 21 Sept: Reception pupils start full-time

Of course, these dates are now subject to how the situation progresses, but we will endeavour to keep you updated as often as is necessary. Please also keep an eye on our school website <https://www.st-petersprimary.co.uk/> If you have any questions please do contact us, but bear in mind we are operating with a skeleton staff at the moment, so it may be a few days before we respond to emails.

In the meantime, here is some more information about life in the Reception year.

During the initial home visit, the reception staff visit you and your child in familiar surroundings. In most instances, the class teacher will talk to you while a Teaching Assistant talks to your child.

We have a buddy system in which your child will be paired with a child in Years 5. The older pupil spend some time working with the Reception children when they enter the school. The reception children will thus get to know some of the older children and have someone to identify with in the playground and around the school generally. This system has proved very successful in the past.

While your child is in the infant years (Reception, Year 1 and Year 2) they are currently entitled to a free school meal under the government's Universal Infant Free School meal scheme. If because of your financial situation you have an underlying entitlement to free school meals (FSM) it is beneficial to both yourself and the school that you apply for this. You can do so using the online form which you can access at www.croydon.gov.uk/education/schools-new/free-school-meals. Your child can of course bring a packed lunch if they wish.

We are looking forward to your child and family joining the St Peter's community.

Yours sincerely

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