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Dear Parents

We know you will be anxious to know about admission arrangements for your child into Reception this September. We will be issuing further information and guidance as and when we can, but in the meantime we are able to give you the following information.

At the moment we are planning for Reception children to start school on Wednesday 16 September. For the rest of that week this will just be for the morning or afternoon session (9.00 - 11.30 am or 12.30 - 3.00 pm). Information regarding which class your child is in, the names of their teachers and whether or not they will be attending in the morning or the afternoon are in a separate attachment. Children will not be able to attend Breakfast Club or After School Club on these days.

They will then start full time days (8.55 am - 3.15 pm) on Monday 21 September. Please note that Thursday 24 September is a planned INSET day, and the school will be closed to all pupils.

We plan to create some videos of the classrooms and staff introducing themselves, which we will add to our school website. When these have been uploaded we will let you know.

Instead of our normal home visits, we will be inviting parents and their children into school for one hour slots in small groups for "Stay and Play" sessions to meet staff and have a chat. It is likely that we will have to limit this to one parent only and ask that you make child-care arrangements for younger siblings in order that you do not need to bring them with you. These will take place between Thursday 10 and Monday 14 September. We will send you details of your allocated time slot when these have been arranged.

All the necessary [admission paperwork](#) is now available on our website, clearly indicated which documents need to be printed and returned to the school, and which are for information only. If you are unable to print out the paperwork we will make some copies available here at school, which you can collect from the school office. Please let us know if you will require printed copies. You can bring back the completed paperwork to your Stay and Play session. Please also bring a copy of your child's birth certificate or passport with you.

We are anticipating that we will be asking children to wear school uniform when they start school, however if this changes we will let you know. Uniform can be purchased online from [Hewitt's of Croydon](#), or bought from any other retailer so long as it is in the correct school colours. A [uniform list](#) is contained in the induction paperwork on our website. We would ask that you label **ALL** items of your child's uniform and other belongings, such as lunchboxes, clearly with their name. You can use labels such as [Stickins](#) (our Parent's Association, the SPSA, earns 30% commission on all Stickins sales if you purchase them quoting the code 21665).

If you would like your child to receive a portion of milk daily at school (free for under 5s) you can register for them to receive this with [CoolMilk](#).

At the moment, all children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are entitled to receive a free school meal under the government's Universal Infant Free School Meal Scheme. However if because of your financial circumstances you think you may have an underlying entitlement to Free School Meals (FSM), we would urge you to [apply for this](#). Not only will you be entitled to free school milk once your child reaches the age of five, we will not ask you to contribute towards the cost of any school trips or workshops for as long as your FSM entitlement lasts. The school also receives a sum of money called [Pupil Premium](#) for each child entitled to FSM. You can of course choose to provide your child with a packed lunch regardless of whether or not you have a FSM entitlement.

Please be aware that due to the uncertainty surrounding Covid-19 and that fact that government guidance is liable to change depending on how the situation develops, we may have to change some or all of the above arrangements, but we will of course keep you fully informed.

Thank you for your patience and co-operation.

Kind regards

Mrs Samantha Sandle, Mrs Caroline Barriball (Co-Headteachers) and the EYFS Team