

16th June 2021

Dear parents/carers

Starting School: September 2021

We are delighted that your child will be joining us in September 2021 as they make the exciting transition to lower school. We know this is an important time and we will do all we can to support your child during this process.

As many of you who have children in our pre-school or siblings already at the school will know, we are a small rural lower school taking children from age 2 to 9. We have a team of dedicated and professional staff, providing high quality and exciting learning opportunities to all our pupils. We also have an amazing outdoor space which includes our very own Forest School and pirate ship complete with trim trail. For those of you we have been unable to meet yet, we very much look forward to getting to know you and your family over the coming months and years and welcoming you into our school family.

Due to the current Covid 19 restrictions unfortunately we are unable to carry out our usual transition process. Instead we have been working hard to compile a variety of virtual resources including information booklets, videos and virtual tours to help aid a smooth transition process for your child as they start their school journey.

We have set up a page on our website which can be found under the parent tab then "starting school September 2021" which we will continue to add to over the coming weeks.

Currently on our "Starting school September 2021" page of the school website you will find the following.

- A video from Miss Heaslip introducing the school.
- A school readiness poster with useful tips on how to best prepare your child for starting school in September.
- A welcome booklet which gives a brief overview of the day to day running of our foundation class.

Please note that these resources may include details of covid 19 safety measures we currently have in place. We are hoping these will be lifted before your child starts school in September and will update you on any major changes once we know more.

We will continue to add to this webpage over the coming weeks so please do refer back to it regularly.

Our Early Years team are in the process of putting together a video tour of the foundation stage and we will send you an email as soon as this is available to view.

As part of our early years transition process we would like to offer each of you a "virtual" home visit. Unfortunately due to current circumstances we are unable to conduct our home visits in person; however the online video calls still allow for 1:1 conversations between yourselves and your child's new class teacher. These are a great opportunity for your child to meet their new teacher, and ask any questions you may have about starting school. It also allows us time to find out what your child likes, dislikes and the best ways to support them with their transition into our Robins class. These virtual visits will take place during the week commencing 28th June 2021. You will be notified of your appointment date and time shortly.

Our new starter packs are almost ready and will be sent to you in due course. They will contain a range of useful information about our school. In the meantime lots of information can be found on our school website – www.hcschool.org.uk. You will find information ranging from where to buy school uniform to our policies, values and curriculum.

If you need any further information in the meantime please do get in touch either by phone or via email at office@hcschool.org.uk.

We look forward to welcoming you to our school family and supporting your child on their learning journey.

Yours sincerely



**Miss J Heaslip
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