



HEATH FIELDS PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

We are looking forward to meeting you in September. At this present time the school has no information, from the government, as to the expectations and guidelines around children returning to school in September. We are waiting for an announcement on the 3rd July. From this date we should be in a better position to inform you of how school will be open in September and any measures we will have in place.

We are aware that the normal transition programme, that you and your children would have experienced, has not taken place. We are also aware that some children will have been out of a pre-school or nursery setting for a prolonged period of time. We want to support your child make a successful transition into school, but we are unclear if we will be able to do the things we normally do. For example, when first starting school, we normally allow parents to come into the class room in the mornings to help their child settle. We do this for the first couple of weeks. At this point in time this is something that we wouldn't be able to do. To minimise the spread of infection, following the guidelines, parents are not allowed inside the school building. Until we have further information we don't know if this will change.

Adhering to the guidelines, to ensure school is safe and trying to support children make a successful transition is a challenge. To help children make a gradual transition into school, to support separation from parents and to give children the transition period that they missed in July, we are proposing the following arrangements for September. We feel, as we have 30 new starters that for the first two full week's children will be better placed in a smaller group of 15 and attending for half a day. This, we hope, will allow children more time with their teacher. It will be less busy when separating from mum or dad and an opportunity for reception staff to get to know the children quickly. It also means a gradual transition for those children who have been at home for a prolonged period away from pre-school or nursery.

September 2nd – INSET Day – opportunity for school to prepare, parents to contact teaching staff if they have any concerns or issues not previously discussed.

September 3rd and 4th – Children return – Reception children split into two groups of approximately 15 per group. Group A attending 9.30 am to 12.00 pm. Group B attending 1.00 pm to 3.30 pm.

September 7th – 11th – Group A 9.30 am – 12.00 pm. Group B 1.00 pm – 3.30 pm.

September 14th – 18th - Group B 9.30 am – 12.00 pm. Group A 1.00 pm – 3.30 pm.





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September 21st – 25th – All children 9.30 am – 12.00 pm

September 28th – October 2nd – All children 9.00 am – 1.00 pm (staying for lunch)

October 5th – October 9th – All children 9.00 am – 2.30 pm

October 12th – October 16th – All children – full school day 8.50 am – 3.15 pm

Mrs Wynne will be contacting parents by phone during the week commencing 13th July. After her conversations with you we will group the children. You will be informed of which group your child is in before we break up for summer on the 21st of July.

For any further information please see the Heath Fields website www.heathfields.derbyshire.sch.uk and look under 'parents' information' and 'new intake 2020'.

As the guidance is frequently changing and we are awaiting an announcement on the 3rd July, this provisional plan might change. If this is the case I will inform you as soon as possible. In the meantime I hope that by issuing this information you can start making your own provisional arrangements for September. Thank you.

Regards,

Mark Whyman
Headteacher

