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# CHILTON FOLIAT PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been lovely to chat with some of you over the past few weeks, especially as for many of you this will have been our first 'meeting'. I was hoping that I would be writing to you with news of a transition visit for your child before the summer break. Sadly, for a number of Covid-19 reasons, we are unable to achieve this. For now, we have to continue to follow Government guidance and maintain the structure of bubbles, (groups of children) whether they are in school or at an Early Years setting. Also, we are unable to invite parents onto the school site, which we feel may cause some children to become distressed if they find it difficult to separate from their parent or carer.

We still believe that a transition visit is hugely important to support your child's wellbeing, for them to feel safe and happy with the adults and within the classroom environment. For this reason, we have planned a transition visit for the start of the autumn term and arrangements for this are as follows:

**Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> September and Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September** are Teacher Development Days and the school is closed to all pupils.

**Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> September** is a transition morning for all pupils who were attending Hungerford Nursery School prior to the summer break.

**Friday 4<sup>th</sup> September** is a transition morning for pupils who were attending any other Early Years settings (including childminders).

The visits will take place from **9.15am until 11.30am**. Parents should wait with their child near the green gate, which leads into the Early Years outdoor area and is next to the main reception. As far as possible, you should encourage your child to come into school independently. However, if they are anxious, parents will be permitted to come into the outdoor and cloakroom areas.

All children must bring a named water bottle, a coat or sunhat (weather dependent) and a healthy snack such as a piece of fruit. A small, named container with chopped fruit has been working well for our children who are currently in school. If it looks likely that it will be a hot day, sun cream **MUST** be applied before the visit, as we are unable to assist with this in school. School uniform is not essential for the visit. If your child has any medical needs, please ensure that the school is made aware of these before the visit begins.

When collecting your child, please wait near the green gate and a member of staff will bring your child out to you.

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As you may know the Government have recently released their guidance on how all schools should reopen fully from September. We are reviewing this guidance and applying it to our own school setting. Once our plans have been agreed and ratified by the school's Governing body, we will be in a position to communicate with all our families. Based on what we anticipate; I can share with you the following arrangements for your child starting school.

Your child's first day at school will be **Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September** and this week will follow our usual arrangements for starting school, with the first day having an extended, staggered start, to enable myself or Mrs Stubbs to settle your child to an activity. **Please note that for this week only your child will be in school for half a day.**

The arrangements for Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September until Friday 11<sup>th</sup> September are as follows:

**Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September**, please bring your child to the green gate at your given time:

All pupils with a last name beginning with A-F please arrive at 9.00am.

All pupils with siblings currently at Chilton Foliat School please arrive at 9.10am.

All pupils with a last name beginning with G-Z please arrive at 9.20am.

**All pupils must be collected at 1pm. Please wait near the green gate.**

**Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> September – Friday 11<sup>th</sup> September**, please wait with your child near the green gate at 9am. **All pupils must be collected at 1pm.**

Pupils should come dressed in school uniform or as near to school uniform as possible if you have not yet received your delivery. They should bring a book bag (if they have one), a named water bottle, a healthy snack, and a waterproof coat. If your child still has a toy for comfort, they may bring this to school, but should understand that they will need to leave them in the book bag. No unnecessary items should be brought into school from home.

At the end of the first week, I will be available for anyone to talk to me about how the week has gone. For those children with spring or summer birthdays there will be an option to continue with some half days if necessary, to aid the settling in process.

From week beginning 14<sup>th</sup> September, your child's start and finish times will be determined by the whole school agreed plan for full reopening.

We look forward to meeting you all in person in September, but in the meantime, if you have any questions, please do get in touch.

With best wishes

Mrs Gibson & Mrs Turner

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