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Transition Arrangements Letter from Mrs Gibson – Roe Class Teacher

I hope that you and your family are all well. As promised, I am writing to you again, to outline our plans for your child's transition arrangements, ahead of them starting school this September. It remains unclear at this time, as to whether your child will be able to make a visit to Roe Class during the summer term. Therefore, current plans are for a 'remote transition'. Please take time to have a look at the plans outlined below.

Resources for starting school

It has been lovely to hear that some children have already begun to try out the activities on the 'Getting Ready for School' poster that I sent out last time. Another resource for you to try is the BBC Bitesize starting school toolkit <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/collections/starting-primary-school/1>. This site contains information for parents on how to support your child and an interactive game on starting school, which can be revisited over several sessions. Also, look out for Bud's Number Garden, links to Number Blocks, listening games, and interactive stories and nursery rhymes.

Telephone Contact

During Term 6, I will be making telephone contact with your child's nursery or pre-school. This will replace the on-site visits that are usually made during this term. Alongside this, I will be making a telephone call home. These calls will help us begin to build a picture of your child; his/her likes and dislikes; any friendships they may have and his/her development so far. Of course, please also take this opportunity to ask questions or share any concerns that you may have.

Welcome Pack

We will be sending out a welcome pack as early as possible during Term 6. It contains a large amount of information, which you will need to read prior to your child starting school. A covering letter will outline any forms that need to be completed and returned to school.

School Website

Usually, your child would be invited to a series of visits, each time spending a couple of hours in school meeting new friends and the adults in Roe Class, as well as trying out areas of the classroom. As we are unsure if these will be able to go ahead, it is my aim to compile a series of photographs of the Reception classroom and other key areas around school, before the end of the summer term. Photographs will be uploaded onto our school website for you to access as often as you wish. This will help familiarise your child with some of the features of the classroom.

As you may have seen we have a highly active school website which we are using to post all our home school learning, lots of extra information and a home learning photo gallery. All our

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children are able to send in photographs of what they have been getting up to at home and with their parent's permission, these are posted onto the website:

<http://www.chiltonfoliatprimary.org.uk/>

From Term 6, if you would like to send in photos of any activities that your child has been involved in, you are most welcome. We could then set up a special area on the website for our new starters, as a way of getting to know each other and to introduce our newest members to the wider school community.

You can send messages or photographs through talktomrturner@chiltonfoliat.wilts.sch.uk These will initially be passed onto myself and I will send you a reply through the same e-mail address. Please be assured that we will only put photos on the website with your permission.

Additional Needs

If your child has any medical, physical, or emotional needs, we urge you to talk to either myself or Mrs Turner as soon as possible. Some conditions, such as anaphylaxis, will require the involvement of the school nurse, which can often take some time to arrange due to busy schedules. In some cases, it may be necessary to organise a meeting, which we would also need time to prepare for.

I hope that you have found the above plans helpful, but as always, please do get in touch if you have any questions. I will write to you again with updates should the current situation change, and it becomes possible for your child to make a visit into school. However, I will also be writing to you at the end of the summer term with arrangements for your child's first day at school. In the meantime, I look forward to speaking with you next term.

With best wishes

Julie Gibson

Mrs Gibson
Roe class teacher