



Baildon Church of England Primary School and Nursery

11th June

Dear Parents and Carers

Following our short letter in May welcoming you to school, I would like to share with you some updated information about our transition arrangements for this year.

As I am sure you will appreciate, our transition arrangements this year have had to be completely reviewed in light of the current national situation, but I would like to reassure you that we are doing everything that we can to ensure a smooth transition into primary school for your child.

As you are aware, we were due to have our meeting in May to share with you further details about the transition events which we had planned and information about arrangements for September. We were waiting to see if we could reschedule this but, unfortunately, it is now apparent that we will not be able to hold this before the end of the year so we are amending our arrangements in light of this.

We are currently setting up a specific area on the school website where we will be posting lots of information over the coming weeks. This will be found at www.baildonce.co.uk – Parents and Pupils – Nursery Intake 2020. We are also currently updating our packs for each child which will have lots of useful information about staff who will be working with them and things that staff would like the children to do for them before September. All of this will be explained in a recording of a presentation by the staff which will be posted on our website on 30th June. You will be sent a link to this recording so that you can view it. We have set up a separate email address nursery2020@baildonce.co.uk for Nursery Intake 2020 and you are invited to send in any queries **after the recording for our attention by the 6th July**. Following this, we will compile a FAQ to address the common queries which we will insert in the packs. Once the packs are completed, we will then send them out to you by post or via siblings if they are attending at the moment.

Due to the huge degree of uncertainty as to what guidance will be given to us regarding the opening of schools in September, we are also putting two plans in place, one which we will use if schools open to their full capacity and the other if we have to implement social distancing as is the current situation. You will be aware that, school is due to open to pupils on 3rd September. However, we need to make you aware of the fact that we will definitely not be opening properly to Nursery children **until 14th September at the earliest** to facilitate 'home calls' and hopefully, should the updated guidance from the government enable us to do so, opportunities for children to visit the setting with parents as we are conscious that many children will not be familiar with the setting at all. Once we open, we will also have a period of shorter sessions etc. to support children settling in and adjusting to the new routines but, unfortunately, at this moment in time, we cannot confirm further details of these.

We appreciate that children starting Nursery is a very important milestone in a family's life and we are committed to making this as memorable and as smooth as possible and fully understand that parents are naturally anxious about arrangements due to the COVID 19 situation and particularly as some children may not have attended a setting since March. However, due to the uncertainty of the times, we know that we will not be able to answer all the questions which you will have.

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As you are aware, Mrs Savage is due to take up her position as Headteacher in September and all the planning and communication has been agreed with her and Miss Perry, our Early Years Leader. Mrs Savage is very much looking forward to sharing her personal welcome with you all in the recorded presentation, which, as mentioned earlier, will be made available for you at the end of the month.

We will continue to send you the newsletter weekly and will include reminders and updates about September intake here also.

Please keep safe.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Mary Connor
Headteacher

Mrs Kathryn Savage
Headteacher Elect

Miss Kirsty Perry
Early Years Leader

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