



ALVESTON C of E PRIMARY SCHOOL

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RE: Transition to Reception 2020

Dear Parents

Welcome to Alveston C of E Primary!

Whether you are joining us for a new chapter or you are already a familiar face, we cannot wait to meet you all and to meet your wonderful children.

As I am sure you are very aware, these unprecedented times are causing no end of disruption for the educational journey of our little ones. Conscious that starting school is a huge step for all our children, we have been working hard to create a plan for transition and for these first important days.

We would like to share with you our ambition for this transition. Unfortunately, as guidance from the Department of Education changes daily, at this point it remains an ambition rather than a confirmed plan.

Transition 2020 will comprise of:

- Video Tour
- Zoom Parents' Meeting
- Transition days
- Zoom Home Visits
- Starting School in September

Video Tour

To help familiarise the children with Alveston, we have produced a short video tour of our school. The video gives the children a sneak preview of our premises. They receive a guided tour of both the outdoor and indoor space. We also introduce some of the faces that will welcome you and your child to school.

Zoom Parents' Meeting

Each year we usually host a Parent Information Evening for our new parents in July. Our class teachers introduce themselves and talk you through the transition plan, how the children settle and some of the logistics for starting school.

This year we will host an hour Zoom evening meeting at 7.30 p.m. on Wednesday 8th July. We have selected this time with the intention of avoiding the need for childcare and avoiding disruption to bedtime routines. To access this session, you do not need to download Zoom or to have a login. A few days prior to the meeting, we will email a link for you to follow.

Transition Days

Whilst still adhering to government guidance, we are currently planning a transition week for all children during the final week of the summer term. We plan to put the children into two bubbles – Bubble A and Bubble B.

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- Bubble A will attend school on Monday 13th and Tuesday 14th July from 10.00 a.m. – 2.00 p.m.
- Bubble B will attend school on Thursday 16th and Friday 17th July from 10.00 a.m. – 2.00 p.m.

For all sessions, children should bring a packed lunch, a drink, a sun hat and a waterproof coat. They do not need to wear school uniform but they do need to have sun cream applied before they come to school.

We would really encourage you to bring your child to school on these days. They will have a chance to meet our team, see the classroom and meet some new friends. It will mean the hurdle of starting school in September will not be as great. If you have a preferred Bubble, please let us know. We cannot guarantee you a place on the days requested but we will do whatever we can to accommodate your needs. If you do not wish for your child to attend these sessions, please let our office know as soon as possible by email – alvestonyr@welearn365.com

Zoom Home Visits

We usually offer Home Visits during the first few days of the school term. These visits and conversations with you and your children, prior to their first official day, are invaluable. We will therefore hold our first ever 'Zoom Home Visits' on Thursday 3rd and Friday 4th September. This will provide the opportunity for you to have individual time with the class teachers, to share any concerns and to ask any questions. Your child can also show us some of their favourite things. The sessions will only be about ten minutes long but we hope they will be a good alternative during the current climate.

As before, access details for these sessions will be emailed out ahead of time. If however you have a particular day or date you would prefer, please email the admin team and they will pass it on.

Starting School in September

We currently plan, based on guidance, to continue our bubble system for the children's official school start. Bubble A will start on Monday 7th September for two days and Bubble B will start on Thursday 10th September for two days. Sadly, it is too early to confirm this or to share how the provision will then continue. As government guidance evolves, so too will our provision and we will communicate changes as soon as we are able.

In the meantime, you will find lots of information on our website including the short video tour of our school. If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

We look forward to seeing you all soon.

Yours sincerely,

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