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Transition for Reception 2021

Dear Parent / Carer

It was really good to speak to you all over the last two weeks and as promised, here is a letter with more details of the arrangements for transition into Reception.

It will start with a virtual meeting on Tuesday 22nd June at 6:00 pm (invite details to follow nearer the time).

This virtual meeting will take the place of the one I usually hold for parents in the school hall. The content of which will be very similar. There will also be the chance for you to ask questions at the end. I will be hosting the meeting but Mrs Jaycock (Deputy Headteacher), Mr Shrimplin (Reception Teacher), Miss Turner (Reception Teacher) and Mrs Whitehead (Office Manager) will also be participating. This meeting is for parents only.

Secondly, I know lots of schools are not having the 'usual' transition for Reception 2021 children due to issues with 'bubbles' but we have come up with a solution for this. On the afternoons of Tuesday 29th June, Tuesday 6th July and Thursday 8th July we will be holding a Teddy Bears' Picnic. 20 children with one accompanying adult, can attend from 1.30 pm to 2.45 pm to get to know our staff.

The Teddy Bears' Picnic is only to be attended by your child and one adult. No siblings or other adults. Please do not arrive on the day with more than the two of you, as you will not be allowed to attend.

So, please bring a rug, some food and join us on the field. It will be an outdoor, social distancing event and during the time spent with us, our Reception staff will be reading a story or two. Plus every child will be receiving 'Larchie' – the Larchwood teddy bear to keep. More will be explained on the day. Exciting times!

Children will only be attending one afternoon. Individual dates will be sent out by text. Once you have been allocated your Teddy Bears' Picnic date, they cannot be changed. Only children invited on their specific date, will be attending on that day.

Apologies for these restrictions but due to the current circumstances, these are put in place to keep us all as safe as possible. We believe we have managed to think of a way that we can still have a meeting with parents, plus have the opportunity to meet our new starters but at the same time, do this safely.

Additionally, at the beginning of June, keep an eye out for our Reception Online Booklet (Flipbook) which will be sent to all parents.

I am very pleased to be able to offer our new Reception cohort a transition, albeit slightly different to our normal one!

Mr S Bowsher
Headteacher

