



18th May 2021

Dear Parents,

Your child's first full day at school is on **Friday 3rd September 2021**: doors open at **8.45am with school starting at 8.55am**. The school day finishes at **3.15pm**. Any changes to this e.g due to COVID19 protocols will be shared with you.

We want to establish a relationship with you and your child as soon as possible and so we propose the following actions, building on the success of what we were able to offer last year, in terms of a smooth transition:

Face-to-face contact

After half term, look out for EYFS staff, periodically, in the car park, at preschool collection times: Social distancing/standard COVID19 protocols will be observed. This informal, face-to-face contact, will allow us to begin to build a relationship with you and your child before starting school in September.

Personal telephone calls

We will make telephone contact with you in order to allow you to ask any questions that you have and for you to give us any information that you feel is pertinent about your child and crucial for a smooth start at school. We will make plenty of notes to assist our planning during these calls. **We are planning to call you on the following dates and times:**

Wednesday 16th June: between 3.30pm and 5.00pm

Tuesday 22nd June: between 3.30pm and 5.00pm

If you are unable to take our call on either of these dates and times, please call our office and make them aware. We will be happy to arrange an alternative time at your/our earliest convenience. Please call our office and leave a contact number if we do not have one for you yet.

Information Pack

You will receive a thorough information pack, available to collect from the Primary School; the Earith Pre-School (if you prefer and your child attends there); we can send in the post, or I/we will deliver it to you in person – **tell us which option you'd prefer during the personal telephone call.**

Weekly School Newsletter & Website Information

You will start to receive the weekly Newsletter each Friday. Additional information can be found on the school website under the **New Parents tab (you can watch last year's transitional videos and look out for new ones going on soon!)**. You may also like to have a look at some of our **school assemblies**; find out what **Sid the Cygnet (our school mascot)** has been up to as well as read the **Head Teacher's Welcome** and our **Ethos, Vision & Values**. Exploring the website will help you and your child get a good flavour of school life.

Informal Waving/Introductions

You may see the current Reception children on the field at lunchtime. Last year, we eagerly waited for the preschool children and waved as they walked past. We enjoyed clapping them and lining up by the fence on their graduation day. We're sure that this year will be the same and it's a great way to begin to establish (or reestablish) communication and friendships with those who will be in the same class in September – catch our attention and introduce yourselves.

During this whole process, more information/guidance may be released from the Govt/DFE, in which case, we will keep you informed as to the school's position on this.

In the meantime, we hope this gives you some peace of mind in what has been quite a challenging year. We look forward to speaking with you soon.

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Yours sincerely,

Mr. Abbs & Mrs. Nicholls
Head Teacher & EYFS Lead