

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are delighted that you and your child are joining Wheelers Lane Primary School this coming September. On behalf of the Staff, Governors, children and parents, it gives me great pleasure to welcome you and your family to our school.

Ordinarily, we would be writing to you to invite you to a number of events to welcome you to our school and meet your child's Class Teacher. However, due to the current COVID situation this is not possible. We find ourselves in an unprecedented set of circumstances and understand the anxieties you may have about your child's transition into Reception. We would like to assure you that an induction process will take place when it is safe to do so. Schools are working within a constantly changing environment and receive regular updates from the Department for Education. We therefore ask for your patience whilst we put together plans which are practical and above-all mutually beneficial in supporting the best possible start to your child's school life.

We will keep in touch to update you on any changes over the Summer Term as we hear them from the Department for Education, we promise that we will be in touch soon to share our plans for induction once we are clearer about the way forward nationally.

We are in the process of creating a new section on our website with information that you may need and this will be ready Week beginning 15<sup>th</sup> June 2020.

We hope that many of your questions will be answered by visiting the page however, please do not hesitate to email our office if you would like to contact me, at this point in time, email [enquiry@wheelerslane-pri.bham.sch.uk](mailto:enquiry@wheelerslane-pri.bham.sch.uk) marked for attention of Mrs Sumner and I will do my best to share information about our school and answer any questions you may have regarding your child starting school.

We will be talking to pre-school and nursery settings, as we always do, to find out about your child's learning and development. We will also be talking to you directly to find out about more about your child. These conversations usually take place within the context of a Stay and Play visit to school in July or a home visit. However, as this is not possible, due to the current situation, we will find an alternative way to ensure that we receive all of the information that we need about your child.

We fully understand how worried you might be about your child's induction but the most important thing at the moment is that you and your child are safe and well. We will be ready to resume learning quickly and positively when schools are given the go ahead to reopen. Every single child in the country, that will start Reception in the Autumn Term, will be in the same position as yours. Our promise to you is that we will continue to work in partnership, to ensure your child's start to school is both as exciting and positive as we can collectively make it.

You will be receiving a pack of information from the school including what Transition may look like if Schools can reopen in September. We as always will keep you updated on any changes to this plan as this is based on what we have done previously.

We look forward to welcoming you and your child into school once it is safe to do so. In the meantime, it would be lovely if you completed the enclosed All about me booklet.

Kindest regards

Mrs Sumner

Assistant Headteacher – EYFS Lead