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Dear Parents / Carers,

I am writing to update you with details of our transition arrangements for our September 2021 Reception class.

Firstly, for those who have more recently been offered and accepted places with us, a very warm welcome to Anker Valley Primary Academy. We are really looking forward to meeting everyone who is due to join as part of our founding cohort at our **Meet and Greet session on 8th July 2021 which we are holding at another school within the trust - Glascote Academy, Silverlink Road at 4:30pm.** Starting school should be a happy and exciting time for both your child and for you. We know that you will have lots of questions to ask us and the purpose of the meeting is to answer any questions. It will also give you an opportunity to meet the class teacher and teaching assistant, and for us to share any relevant information before the summer break.

There will be a number of short presentations which will cover a number of different topics including the classroom setup, our curriculum, day-to-day routines/times and what your child will need. There will also be useful information about how to access help through our trust support teams, how your child's needs will be supported and how we will work to keep all of our children safe. We will also provide more details about any further information that the office might require about you and your child, the uniform that they will need and how and where to obtain specific items. Other things such as catering arrangements and menu choices, wrap around care, times of the school day and how you can get involved with the school will also be covered. *If you have not yet confirmed the sizes you require for the jumper/cardigan and PE kit that we are offering as a starting gift, could you please do so by **Monday 7th June**, so that we are able to have these available for you at the Meet and Greet session.*

During the remainder of this term, we will continue to contact pre-school settings, to find out as much information as we can about your child, to help enable a smooth transition. In addition to this, we would also like to arrange short home visits and we will provide more information about how to arrange a date and time very soon.



We do not yet know what restrictions may still be in place in September, but we are currently planning for a normal start given the government's current plan. At Anker Valley Primary Academy, we favour a short transition to full time schooling. However, we are mindful that over the past 12 months many may not have been able to attend pre-school settings as regularly as previously and that the building/staff are new and parents have been unable to visit. We have, therefore, taken this into consideration when planning for September.

The arrangements for September are therefore as follows:

Wednesday 1st September – INSET Day (no children to attend)

Thursday 2nd September and Friday 3rd September – Children to arrive at school for 8:50am, stay for a hot lunch at 12:15pm, which parents/ carers are invited to join the children for.

On both afternoons, there will be the opportunity for parents / carers to have a tour of the school building and book appointments to meet with the class teacher and/or Head of School should you wish.

Monday 6th September – All children to attend school full time from this date (8:50am – 3:30pm)

Despite the current restrictions, we hope that we can still provide all the necessary information that you need and we will do everything we can to ensure a smooth start for your child in September. Should you have any questions that we have not answered, please do not hesitate to contact me via email or telephone.

Kind regards,

Mrs N Horlor
Head of School