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Dear Parents,

We hope that you are all well. In addition to the long letter about the arrangements for September, we would like to let you know about your child's transition to school in September.

As our usual transition activities were not able to take place this year, we feel that the children would benefit from a staggered start in September and this is echoed in the published government guidance. We hope that this will allow for a smooth transition for the children, as they become familiar with the teaching staff and setting at their new school.

Reception children will begin school on Monday 7th September. Children will be initially split into two groups, A and B. **Your child is in GROUP A.**

Group A will attend Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday morning 9.00-11.30.

Group B will attend Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday afternoon, 12.30-3.00.

Neither of the groups will have lunch in school on these days but they will be provided with a snack.

On Thursday 10th September and Friday 11th September, **all** Reception children will be in from 9.00-1.30 and on these days, children will have their lunch in school. They can either bring a packed lunch or can order a school dinner.

From Monday 14th September, all children will be in school full time, from 9.00am – 3.30pm.

For each session please bring your child to Donaldson Class door and wait on the ramp for the staff to take the children into school. We regret that government guidelines mean that parents are unfortunately not allowed in the building at the moment but all staff will do our best to make sure the children enter their new classroom calmly and happily.

Your children will not need to bring equipment with them. Just a coat, wellies and book bag.

We ask that all parents respect social distancing guidelines whilst dropping off and collecting children from school.

Yours Sincerely,

Sophie Bell
Early Years Leader