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Dear Parents/Carers,

Reception Induction.

Starting school is always full of excitement but it can also be an anxious time for children and parents. We anticipate that this September will be more so, due to the complex and unprecedented times we find ourselves in.

We have been carefully considering how we could most successfully introduce your child to school and give them the most positive start and experience possible. Normally, the new reception intake would spend some time in their new classes during the final weeks of this term to help them familiarise themselves with their environment, get to know new routines and meet the adults that will be with them in September.

We are conscious that if we were to offer this opportunity this term due to the present situation and COVID restrictions, it will not be possible for these sessions to be of the same structure as normal. As we have 'bubbles' in the current EYFS rooms and our staff being utilised, it may be that it would be an offer of a half-day session, perhaps in another room such as the hall for them to spend their induction time with half a class at a time. We would of course ensure that this experience is as positive and enjoyable for the children as possible but we also appreciate that unfortunately due to the current circumstances we find ourselves in, this is not ideal. This has led to us considering possible alternatives.

We feel that ideally it would be most beneficial for the children's first experiences of school to be in the room and areas that they would normally be in and with the adults that will be looking after them throughout the next academic year. Socially and emotionally, we feel that the ability to get to know the children who will be in their class over the period of a few days and for them to get a sense of what the school day really looks like will be beneficial. We feel that this approach will help them make the transition easier as we appreciate that your child may also have been away from Nursery for a long time. We anticipate that this will be more likely to happen in September.

With this in mind, in terms of them coming to school, we are suggesting a phased approach for the first week in September in order to make their start as stress free and enjoyable as possible.

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Thank you for your help with this. Your child's induction to Reception is incredibly important to us and we are keen to get this right for the children and for families,

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