



Handsworth Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome to Handsworth. We are excited that you are joining us in September!

Ordinarily, we would be writing 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 situation, this is not possible in the same way as we have done in previous years.

We know that you may be anxious about your child's transition to Reception and we would like to reassure you that an induction process will take place when it is safe to do so. We are anticipating that this year's intake will have a longer, phased introduction to school and its routines than previous in years.

We would like to assure you that we are working closely with the London Borough of Waltham Forest to plan for the future, however, these plans may change as more information is released by the government. We, therefore, ask for your patience whilst we devise plans which are practical and above-all mutually beneficial in supporting the best possible start to your child's school life.

Our school website is a great source of information; on it you will find some of the things we are putting in place for transition into school in the meantime. These will be added over the coming weeks.

We have created a new section on our website with information that you may need

In this section you will find:

- Booklet with key information – staffing, uniform, timetable of the Reception day, key areas of the school and classroom
- A virtual tour of the classroom by the Reception teachers
- A virtual tour of the key areas of the school your child will be using including outside area, toilets, coat pegs, dinner hall, assembly/PE hall, main office
- Stories read by Early Years staff posted onto current Reception class pages on the school website– so children can become familiar with their faces

As well as this we are:

- Talking to your child's pre-school and Nursery settings to find out about your child's learning and development
- Arranging ways to talk to you directly to find out more about your child. These conversations usually take place within the context of a 'Stay and Play' visit to school and a parents meeting in July, however, if 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 positively when schools are given the go ahead to reopen fully. 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.

We look forward to welcoming you and your child into school once it is safe to do so.

Mrs Nairne
Headteacher

Miss Walter
Early Years Foundation Stage Lead

