



10<sup>th</sup> September 2020

Dear parents/carers,

We have been excited to welcome your children this week. We have really enjoyed the photos and videos you have been uploading to Google Classroom and are looking forward to getting to know the children properly.

Things will be running slightly different to previous years, and we will require everyone's support in keeping everybody safe and within the current Government guidelines. By working together, we will be able to ensure the children have as smooth a start as possible and settle in quickly and confidently.

#### Bubbles

Venus class will form one bubble and will not mix with other children in the school. Break and lunch times have been staggered and the playground will be split to allow bubbles to remain separate.

#### Adults

The adults in Venus class will be:

Mrs Bailey: Class teacher

Mrs Merrington: Full time Learning Support Assistant

Miss Langdon: Higher Level Teaching Assistant on a Tuesday afternoon to cover Mrs Bailey's PPA

#### Dropping off and collecting

Drop off for Venus class will be at 8.40 and collection will be at 3.20 (with the exception of the first week) at the EYFS door. We politely ask you do not arrive early or late to these allocated times to keep the number of people around school to a minimum.

Mrs Merrington will be at the door to welcome your child(ren) where they will then be able to go and put away their things and then make their way to the carpet.

If you wish to speak to us about your child(ren), please leave a message with the office or send me an email. This will allow us the chance to discuss any queries properly, as time will be limited when dropping off and collecting.

#### Coats and bags

We are fortunate enough to have pegs in our Venus classroom for the children to safely store their belongings. Your child(ren) will only need to bring a bookbag for their school items, along with a water bottle and weather dependent items. The children will have daily access to our outside areas so will need a coat as we are approaching the colder months. We would really appreciate your support with helping your child to put their coats and jumpers on independently. We will support the children with this in school as well, but it will be helpful if they are able to have a go without much assistance.

Can we also ask that your child(ren) does not bring in any other items from home such as toys or collectible items to avoid cross-contamination as much as possible.

### Food

As you may know, the school normally provides fruit for the children's mid-morning snack. At present, we do not know the date of the first fruit delivery so we kindly ask that you provide a fruit snack for your child(ren) for the first week and we will update you once we know more.

A free school meal is provided for children in Reception and Key Stage 1. This can be ordered on the day either by the adult dropping off or by the child when in the classroom.

### Tapestry

The children's learning will be recorded on a programme called Tapestry. This allows us to identify the areas of learning your child(ren) is meeting and how we can support them in their next steps. As soon as we have the children's login details, we will pass them on to you.

### Our first topic

Our first topic will be All About Me where we will be exploring a range of questions including:

- How am I the same? How am I different?
- Why do I look like a do?
- What makes a family?
- Where does my family come from?
- What can I do with my body?
- What makes me special?

You will receive a copy early next week of our medium-term plan which gives a more detailed views of what your child(ren) will be learning and how it is linked to the areas of the Early Years Foundation Stage.

Again, we are thoroughly looking forward to getting to know your child(ren) and thank you for your continued support. If you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to email me.

Mrs Bailey and Mrs Merrington

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