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Welcome notes – meeting for new Reception parents (brief overview of the main points discussed)

It is important for us to get the transition into Reception absolutely right – more than ever before this year as so many children have not had any contact with a setting or other children outside immediate family for a long time. This meeting outlines all you need to know as we prepare for September.

Transition – our transition programme this year takes place in the first week of term in September – please see the website new starters section for details

How will Reception look?

- We have 75 children joining us in Reception across three bases – we will have one mixed year group base containing Reception and Year 1 children. Mrs Simpson will lead across all of Reception and Year 1, with all the team working closely together. Regardless of the class base your child is in, the Early Years curriculum will be followed closely and tailored to ensure the best possible progress for your child.
- Each Base has a class teacher and support Early Years TA. You will receive notification of your child's teacher and a welcome video from each teacher will be posted on our website.

The first week

- School returns on Tuesday 8th September. Each class Base has been split into A and B groups to attend part time for the first week (please see transition plan on the website) Week beginning Monday 14th September will be when all children attend full time.
- In the Welcome pack (on the website) you will find further info regarding our curriculum and how we learn in Reception, and there will be a series of short videos to accompany this which you will also find on our website.
- Unfortunately we will still be unable to receive parents into the classroom at drop off time due to Covid-19 restrictions. Further details of drop off points will be sent to you.

What to bring?

Details of what to bring are in the welcome pack – please ensure EVERYTHING is named!! We ask that every child brings a water bottle with lid to access during the day – healthy snacks are provided. Children have the option of school lunches or packed lunch – you will be sent details of how to register and order school lunches.

PE kit is not needed until the summer term – we will send you details nearer the time about what to provide.

How can you help at home?

Before your child starts school, there will be a range of links on our website page to help you prepare for school. Videos will also go onto our You Tube channel and Facebook page.

The best thing you can do to support your child coming to school is to talk to them about it during the summer. There will be a transition gift provided for your child at the end of this term with opportunity for you and your child to do some work which can be shared on their return in September.





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Don't worry about writing, learning maths etc. unless your child takes the lead in this – this is our job and we are more than happy to take on that responsibility!

Communication

This is the bit we strive to get right and the bit which is currently most tricky as we haven't been able to see you!

Your child's teacher is your first port of call but if you have any questions or concerns please contact us via EYFS@cranbrookeducationcampus.org.uk

Check our website regularly and also the CEC Facebook page for updates and news.

Have a great summer everyone and see you very soon!

