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Dear Parents

Reception Induction Information for September 2021

We are very much looking forward to welcoming your child to West Alvington C of E Academy as they begin their primary education. In this letter, you will find out about the next stages of our induction plans for all of our little ones starting this September.

Whilst we do not yet know how school opening will look in September, please rest assured that we will be closely monitoring government advice and as restrictions are gradually relaxed, we want to ensure all of our children, families and staff remain safe and supported throughout the transition period term and beyond. We cannot predict how things may pan out, but we would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your understanding and patience

We know that at the moment, school is looking a little different and your child's nursery experience may have been shorter than desired, so we wanted to work extra hard in creating new ways to support the preparation for your child's start in Reception. Many of these things will be familiar to those of you who have had other children start with us and some will be new.

What happens next?

Virtual Welcome Meeting

We would like to warmly invite you to an online welcome meeting via Google Meet. The meeting will be held on **Thursday 27th May 2021** and will run from **5.15-6.00pm**. We encourage all of our families to join us for one of the sessions; they are an opportunity to meet myself, Miss Garside and Miss Holloway, our EYFS Lead and Reception teacher. You will also get to know a little more about life in Hazel Class and as part of the West Alvington family, our expectations and everything that you need to know ready for September.

Please indicate whether you are able to attend the meeting via the Google form (https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeQFyMOIjBfskbbpfc5wPtXrJwpNKEZ_NEDI1eJkKCKiR_wlRQ/viewform?usp=sf_link) and we will send you a Google Meet invite nearer the time.



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Virtual Home Visit

We understand the importance of working together and getting to know each other is a key part of this. Like last year, we will be offering a video call or a phone call, whichever you prefer, in its place. This gives you the opportunity to talk with Miss Holloway about your little one and they can get to know her too - she'd love to say hello to all of her new children! These *Home Visits* are a special way to get to know all of our new children and families, building a strong relationship between yourself, Miss Holloway and the whole West Alvington team. It is also an ideal time to share any questions or concerns that you may have. These meetings will take place during the week commencing **Monday 12th July**. Miss Holloway will be in touch soon to confirm your date and time. Although we will do our best to accommodate your requests, we may need to be a little flexible to ensure we fit everyone in.

Shuffle Up Sessions

We are thrilled to announce that on **Monday 14th June from 9.45am to 11.00am** we will be holding a special *Forest School* session for all of our new Reception children and their families, with us on the school grounds. Should government guidelines change before this date, we will of course let you know.

We are delighted to be welcoming all our new Reception children on **Wednesday 30th June 2021** from **9.30-11.45am** for *Shuffle Up Day*; the whole school will be "shuffling up" too! This will help the children to get to know Miss Holloway and our wonderful Reception class and explore our wonderful EYFS setting with their soon-to-be Year 1 and 2 friends!

Getting to know your child in their current setting (for those attending a nursery)

Getting to know our Reception pupils, so we can provide them with the very best support and settling into our setting is something we pride ourselves on. To do this, we will also be contacting your child's nursery setting so we can ensure a smooth transition for them. Miss Holloway will arrange this and thank you for already providing us with the information for this.

Parent Handbook and Registration Pack

With this letter, you will find your *Parent Handbook* which provides lots of useful information about life here at West Alvington.

You will also find enclosed a copy of the *Registration Handbook* for you to complete for your child so that we can start registering them on our school systems, ready for September. Please complete this and return to us by **Friday 25th June** at the latest. We have enclosed a stamped, addressed envelope for you, but feel free to pop it in to Mrs Broadfoot in the academy office if you would like.

Something for your little one

Miss Holloway has put together a special *Shuffle Up* pack that she will share with each of her new Reception children on Shuffle Up Day, Wednesday 30th June. This includes a fun craft pack, a little gift from Forest School, some stickers, an interactive name activity and some information about Miss Holloway for those of you who don't know her yet. We hope that you enjoy sharing these together over the coming weeks.

You will also receive your little one's *Brown Bag Biography*, a fun way for the children and Miss Holloway to get to know each other. Inside their brown bag, please place **5** items, or photos of the items, that are special to your child. We will be sharing these items with the class early in September.

In the meantime

Our website has a dedicated area for all new Reception children and their families to support you and your child get ready for 'big school'. Miss Holloway has uploaded lots of brilliant resources as well as some photos of Hazel Class, as well as the whole team so that you can begin to get to know Hazel and the wider academy with your little one.

We will be writing to you again before the end of term with more information, including how the first few days and weeks of the new term will look. This may include information containing any updated guidance from the government. We will also be giving you more details regarding school meals and how to order these.

Finally, we are all delighted to welcome you and your family to West Alvington CofE Academy. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or concerns on 01548 852002 or westalvington@lapsw.org.

Yours sincerely

Miss Coombe

Head of Academy