



Downs View Infant School

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Dear ,

I hope that you are all well and enjoyed trying out some of the ideas suggested in the 'New Starter Support at Home Leaflet' I enclosed with my welcome letter to help prepare your child for transition to school.

The government have now produced a planned phased recovery and have created a roadmap for the country to lift current restrictions step-by-step. Schools fall into step two of this roadmap with a phased return. With this in mind schools are being asked to prepare to begin to open for more children from 1 June. The government expects children from Reception and Year 1 to be able to return back to school in smaller class sizes and their ambition is for all primary school children to return to school before the summer. This means that unfortunately it is still not possible for me to invite you and your children to school but as soon as I am advised that it is safe to do so I will be developing a comprehensive 'starting school package' to ensure that you and your child are fully prepared.

Key places for you to check are our website: www.downs-view.kent.sch.uk where there will regular updates – please use tab at top which says Reception 2020. We also have a Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/DownsViewInfantSchool/> which we will use to post regular updates. There will be class information, videos and other important information to start preparing you and your child for starting school and to get to know us a little better. We have a video to start this off which can be accessed via the following link: <https://youtu.be/xNQS23m1BaA> . We hope you enjoy watching this with your child.

As a school we currently use ParentMail to keep parents/carers up dated on school information. We would like to set this up for all new parents/carers so that you can access this before your child starts school. We will use the email address that we currently have on record for you and this will be activated in the next couple of weeks. Once this has been completed you will receive a registration message from ParentMail containing instructions on how to access this.

Please can I thank everyone who has replied to our request for information regarding previous nurseries/childcare settings (childminders) that your child has attended and information regarding any special educational needs; this is helping us prepare for your child and their interests and needs. Claire Smith, Early years Leader has been contacting nurseries and Child Minders to begin to obtain essential information about your child to support us with transition.

In order that we can continue to prepare we need you to complete the following:

- Admission Booklet
- Home School Agreement

These can be posted through our post box in school between 11am-1pm Monday – Friday. Please press the buzzer on the front gate and office staff will give you instructions on how to do this.

You can contact us via email office@downs-view.kent.sch.uk or call the office on 01233632339 if you have any questions or concerns.

I look forward to meeting you and your child very soon.

Take care and keep safe!

Yours sincerely,



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