

Hello and welcome to Crofton Hammond Infant School!

We understand that this is a worrying time for you as parents and appreciate that you will be wondering how your children will transition into our school. Usually we would be able to invite all of our children into school once a week for our transitions. Unfortunately due to the current situation we are unable to host our induction sessions in a safe, welcoming and positive way for all children and families. We are sure that you will understand the reasons for this and hope that by working together we will be able to offer your children the very best transition that we can over the coming half term. What follows is an overview of what we are aiming to provide over the following weeks.

- Our Early Years teachers are currently meeting virtually with all pre-schools to start to get to know your children. We will maintain contact with your child's pre-school over the next few months in order to help give your child the best starting place when they join us.
- You will soon start to receive weekly videos from the team. We would be grateful if you could share these with your children so that they can begin to become familiar with us.
- There will be a virtual tour of the school and our Early Years classrooms available for you.
- There will be a regular "Headteacher's Question Time" which will also contain information for parents that would usually be delivered in our transition meetings. If you find yourselves with questions please email these to us at: adminoffice@croftonhammond-inf.hants.sch.uk and we will do our best to address these anonymously during this time.
- We will e-mail you links to the above videos when they are uploaded. These will be on our school website.
- All children will receive a personal Zoom call at home with their families, from one of our teachers. We will send a link for you to book one of our timetabled slots for this in due course. The aim of these informal calls are to help us get to know you all a bit better.
- 'About Me' booklets will be sent to you by post, along with our Summer Scrapbooks which are usually handed out during meetings. Letters of explanation will accompany these!
- We will be setting up an online learning journal account for your child on Tapestry. Once your child is in school we use these as a means of recording evidence of learning and sharing them with you at home. Before this we would love you to share things you have been doing with us to help us get to know your child better. Our weekly videos will contain activities that you may wish to join in with, we would love to see anything you do! You will receive an email with the link to set your account up after half term. If you should run into any difficulties with this please do let us know.

Although the circumstances are different to usual, we are as excited as ever to welcome you and your child to our school. We still aren't certain of what the start of term might look like in September and we hope you won't mind if we give it some time and thought before making the best decision about how to settle your child into school in the new term.

However, we can assure you that every effort will be made to ensure that your family become an important part of our school family. If you have any questions or concerns you can always ring school where someone will be happy to talk to you.

With best wishes from

Jacky Halton - Headteacher
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