

## Starting School in September 2020

Thank you for your patience whilst we plan for September. Guidance is still uncertain, but for now we are planning a full time return to school for September. If anything changes in the meantime we will let you know as soon as we are able to. As your child's transition has been entirely virtual we are adding in some transition elements to our September programme, in order to help your child settle gradually and happily. The first visits to school will be in class groups of 10 with one parent. Looking at the timetable below please choose group A, B or C and ring the office with your preferred group which will be for the first three days. In order to keep these groups small this will be on a first come first served basis and we will be unable to extend the group sizes. We will be taking COVID-19 appropriate measures such as all parents and children using hand gel before and during the sessions and you are welcome to wear a mask if you wish. More information will follow in September depending on current guidance.

Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September	<u>Home Visits!</u>
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> September	We are eager to still conduct our home visits but as we don't feel it would be sensible to enter 30 houses this year due to social distancing guidelines, providing the weather is dry, we will aim to visit gardens instead. Appointments will be sent out with a slot on one of these days following this letter. If you would like to arrange an alternative location for this please let us know. In the event of bad weather on the day we will hold the sessions in the school hall.
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> September	
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> September	
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> September	<u>Stay and Play session with parents</u>  Group A – 9.15-10.15 Group B – 10.45-11.45 Group C – 1.30-2.30  Please make your way round to the entrance doors for the Caterpillars and Ladybirds. Staff will be on hand to direct you if this is your first visit. Each group will have time to explore and play in the classrooms with parents and their teachers, finishing with a story.
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> September	<u>Stay and Play session with parents</u>  Group A – 9.15-10.15 Group B – 10.45-11.45 Group C – 1.30-2.30

Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> September	<u>Stay and Play session for children</u> Parents will be invited to an information talk by Mrs Halton whilst the children are in their classrooms.  Group A – 9.15-10.15 Group B – 10.45-11.45 Group C – 1.30-2.30
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> September	8.50am – 11.45am <u>ALL children in for first morning</u>
Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> September	8.50am – 11.45am <u>ALL children in</u>
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> September	8.50am – 11.45am <u>ALL children in</u>
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> September	8.50am – 1.15pm <u>Children will stay for lunch in their classrooms</u>
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> September	8.50 – 1.15pm <u>Morning and lunch</u>
Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> September	8.50 – 3.20 <u>Full time for children who are ready</u> If you feel your child is not ready we will discuss this with you and agree a part time timetable from this point onwards.

Thank you again for giving us the time to think about the best possible transition for your child. We have really enjoyed getting to know everybody on Tapestry and through our video calls and look forward to September.

Many thanks

The Foundation Stage Team