

Good morning

What a lovely day for your first visit to school. We are looking forward to meeting you all.

I just wanted to make sure that you were all clear about the measures we need to put in place to keep ourselves safe in the current climate. Today you and your child will be visiting our outside area for an hour. You will need to queue at the gate to either the Caterpillars or Ladybirds entrance and wait to be admitted. You should queue two metres apart from any other family group. During your time in the outside area, whilst it is fine for your children to mix as they will soon be in the same year group bubble, I do need to ask all adults to maintain social distancing and keep 2 metres apart from other adults. This is essential if these visits are to happen. Masks do not need to be worn as we will be outside.

For tomorrow's visit your child will be going into their classroom once they have had a settling in period outside. Whilst your child is in the classroom you again will need to leave the school site or if your child is unsettled you could wait in the outside area, socially distanced from other parents.

It is clear that our intended information session on Friday is not going to be able to happen as we have all been reminded today about the need to restrict numbers of adults together inside. You should bring your child at the agreed time and they will be met at the gate by their teacher and taken inside for their third visit as planned. We would like you to leave the school site and return in an hour to collect your child. If your child doesn't settle, or you are anxious, again, you will be able to wait outside, socially distanced from other adults.

I will send home the PowerPoint that I usually share with parents for you to read at home, and then please do make an appointment for a one to one, socially distanced meeting, with me in the coming weeks. I can answer any questions for you then.

I am so sorry that your first experience of our school has to be undertaken in what feels like such clinical conditions. But we all have an obligation to keep one another safe. We will do all that we can to ensure that your child's first few days, and their subsequent school days with us are as happy as possible. I will be in the outside area today so please do come and say hello to me - from 2 metres away of course!

Best wishes

Jacky Halton