



South Gosforth First School

'Roots to grow and wings to fly'

Dear Parents and Carers,

It was lovely to meet you virtually on our Zoom meetings last week. We hope you found the meeting useful. We appreciate that you have many questions that you would like to ask or queries about things that we discussed, so Mrs Burnett and Mrs Wate will be making another phone call to you over the next couple of weeks.

As we discussed in the meeting, during the first week back to school in September, the children will visit for two 'Stay and Play' sessions. One session will be with a parent or carer accompanying them and the second session will just be for the children. The second week, the children will attend part time for two mornings and two afternoon sessions. We have put the children into groups and will be sending out a letter with the days and times for your 'Stay and Play' sessions and whether your child is Group A or B for the second week. We are unsure at the moment how provision will need to look for the children in week 3. When we have further government guidance around this, we will be sure to let you all know as soon as we can. Please note that the children will be required to wear their school uniform for all of their sessions, including their 'Stay and Play' sessions.

Mrs Burnett and Mrs Wate have recorded themselves reading a couple of stories each which you can find on our school Youtube channel. There is also a video of Mrs Burnett showing you all where to walk in to school each morning and where your children will need to line up.

The Youtube links for these videos are as follows:

- Mrs Burnett reads 'Supertato' – <https://youtu.be/ooO7VfEWpu8>
- Mrs Burnett reads 'Sharing a Shell' - <https://youtu.be/3y6WhbYvL0Q>
- Mrs Wate reads 'I Am Bear' - <https://youtu.be/Ot2wzP6ct6o>
- Mrs Wate reads 'No-Bot' - <https://youtu.be/JrwU0igY4Ok>
- Mrs Burnett – Coming in to school and lining up: <https://youtu.be/NaD-6gdujKE>

We will also be sending out our Welcome Booklet which has lots of useful information in it and an "All About Me" booklet that we would like you to fill in with your child and bring with you when they start school in September.

All of the additional information mentioned in this letter will be sent to you by post over the next few days, so please look out for this. Please let us know by Friday of next week (10th July) if you have not received this.

We hope that you find this information useful. We are really looking forward to meeting the children and yourselves in September and to starting their journey with them at South Gosforth First School.

Best wishes

The Early Years Team

(Mrs Burnett, Mrs Wate, Mrs Ramsay and Jill)