

# ST. DAY & CARHARRACK COMMUNITY SCHOOL



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Dear Parents

I am writing to let you know how much we are looking forward to your child joining our 'Opal' Reception Class in September.

I hope you are all safe and well during this continued period of uncertainty. Please be assured that behind the scenes we are thinking of you all and discussing options for how best we can support you and your child make a positive transition to us. I realise this may be a worrying time for your family as there are still too many uncertainties making it difficult for us to give you any confirmed dates or details of what transition will look like. However, we are very excited to meet your children and rest assured that our Early Years team are busy making plans for exciting learning opportunities and currently sprucing up the outdoors!

I am pleased to tell you that Miss Rogers will be the new Reception Class teacher – she is beyond excited and has lots of lovely ideas to help your child settle in and get off to a really positive start. Mrs Govan who has years of experience in Reception will also be supporting in Reception. We will work closely with you in partnership to do what is right for your child. Please see the '**Welcome Letter**' attached from Miss Rogers to share with your child. During the next week, Miss Rogers will upload a video to introduce herself with a story for your children. Please check the website on a weekly basis for new information.

I am sure you will have many questions that we would normally answer during our transition afternoon with parents. However, as this year is different, we are launching a **NEW RECEPTION CLASS** tab on our website home page – just for new parents – with lots of specific information available for you – including a '**Welcome Powerpoint**'. Hopefully this will answer many of your questions.

<http://www.st-day.cornwall.sch.uk/website>

Please feel free to explore the rest of our website and access our **CLASSES** page – to see what our current Reception '**Opal Class**' have been up to over the year. The **CORONAVIRUS** tab will give you all the newsletters and information I have sent out to the wider school.

As home visits look unlikely before September, we would like to offer you a twenty-minute **phone conversation** with Miss Rogers and Mrs Govan. You will have the chance to ask any questions and to discuss any specific concerns you might have after having read all the information. You will be able to book a specific time slot on June 15<sup>th</sup> or 16<sup>th</sup> – more information to follow.



The vast majority of children will be coming from Sunny Days, which makes transition manageable as a natural progression on the same site. I have met with Gemma Gould the Sunny Days Nursery Manager – we are working closely together to plan some ‘free-flow’ sessions between the two play areas so your child is becoming familiar with our space. This may happen before September if we feel it is safe to do so. Gemma is working closely with our team and we will share staff to make this happen. We are gathering as much information as we can to help plan for your child. Moving to Reception is a big step with lots of new experiences. It is also very exciting and something to look forward to. We have a great team of staff who will help your child and look after them from the moment they arrive with us.

I have also enclosed a transition activity for you to do with your child at home: A ‘**Shoebox of Special Things**’. It will be a good way to capture their thoughts and feelings and have something to share when they come in.

Please be reassured that we will do our utmost to ensure that transition to St Day and Carharrack is seamless but most importantly fun and supportive. Please check our website page and you may wish to join our twitter account to keep up to date with news and in readiness for September.

In the meantime, please complete the attached forms and return to Hayley Uren by email or post: [secretary@st-day.cornwall.sch.uk](mailto:secretary@st-day.cornwall.sch.uk). Please note, these forms need to be returned by **Friday 12<sup>th</sup> June** so we can ensure all your information is on our system and we can set your **parent pay** account up. Once this is completed, you will be able to purchase school uniform and book bags (we will email you with your login details once this has been set up). For safeguarding purposes, we require the **emergency contact details for three people**.

If you have any questions or require the documents to be posted to you, then please do not hesitate to contact Hayley Uren on the email address above.

With very best wishes.

Yours sincerely



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