

22nd June 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

On behalf of the entire Connor Downs Academy community, I would like to extend a very warm welcome to all our Reception starters for 2020. We are absolutely delighted to welcome you and your child to the Connor Downs family.

Over the coming weeks, we will be sending out further information regarding your child's transition to school. This information will also be shared on our Academy website, under the 'Parents' and 'Starting School' tabs respectively.

With regards to COVID-19, as we continue to follow extensive guidance from both the Department for Education and the Aspire Academy Trust, please understand that all of the transition information shared with you is provisional and subject to change. We will, of course, share the latest information with you at the earliest possible opportunity. We would like to thank you all for your ongoing patience and continued support.

In Reception, we share our adventures through the online learning platform, Tapestry. Tapestry enables us to build a very special record of each child's experiences, development and learning journey. Using photos, videos and diary entries, our Reception team 'weave' the story of each child, illustrating how they are growing and developing.

Tapestry then works seamlessly to enable these memories to be kept as a permanent record of each child's unique learning journey. All information held in the platform is stored securely and can be downloaded and shared as required. Via the secure Tapestry app, Parents and Carers are able to view their child's progress and how much fun they are having at school, whilst also uploading their own comments, media and diary entries from home.

Tapestry also facilitates a direct line of communication between our Reception team and the Parents and Carers of our youngest children. Regular updates are shared via the platform and we would encourage you to access your child's Tapestry learning journal regularly.

To enable us to activate a Tapestry account for your child in September, it is important that you follow the link below and register your information by Friday 3rd July.

[Tapestry Registration](#)

More information about Tapestry is included in the attached EYFS welcome booklet. We hope that you find this booklet helpful and informative.

If you have any further questions, please email hello@connordowns.org.uk.

Kind regards,

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