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Dear Parents and Carers,

Children starting school in September 2020

I am writing to welcome all families that have been offered a Reception place for their child at Severnbanks Primary School.

Firstly, thank you for choosing Severnbanks for your child to take their first steps towards independence. We are a thriving school community and welcome you and your family with open arms. We look forward to your child starting their school career with us in September and getting to know them as the wonderful individuals that they are!

As a school, we are committed to smooth and timely transitions that allow each child to settle in, get to know their teachers and make new friends. We believe parents and carers play a key role in this transition so you too can feel reassured that your children are safe and happy. I can only imagine that during this time of uncertainty, the natural worries and anxieties that occur when children are about to start school are exacerbated. As we don't know how long school closures will last, it is difficult for us to publish details of our usual transition programme. However, please let me reassure you that we will be thinking of ways we can prepare your child and give them the best possible start to school.

Starting school is a milestone for both you and your child. It is a time to be celebrated. Whilst we understand that current measures make this more difficult, we will do everything we can to ensure it stays that way and is a positive experience for everyone. We will be in touch over the summer term to inform you of our plans, but we also have to be prepared for plans to change should new guidance from the government be released. Please keep an eye on our Twitter feed and also our website, where we have added a new page that will be updated shortly with all transition arrangements: <https://www.severnbanksprimaryschool.co.uk/website>. We will also be setting up a Tapestry link for communication, please keep an eye out for information.

At Severnbanks, we aim to build an excellent relationship between home and school. Whilst this may start off as more of a virtual relationship, this remains a priority for us. Please do not hesitate to contact us should you require any further information – our contact details are above. Currently, email is the best way to get in touch and we will respond as soon as we can.

Welcome to the Severnbanks Primary School; we look forward to meeting you all in the coming months.

Yours sincerely,

Best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "S Poole".

Mrs Sara Poole
Acting Head teacher

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