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'walk as children of light'

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Dear Parents/Carers,

I am absolutely delighted to welcome you and your child to Hardwicke Parochial Primary Academy. This is such an important time in your child's development and next steps.

Starting school can be both exciting and daunting for children and parents/carers. There will be many new names to learn and lots to remember. Therefore, working in partnership with you, we aim to make sure that the transition into school is a positive, memorable experience.

This important year in your child's school life will focus on developing positive relationships with adults and other children, ask questions about our wonderful world, grow as confident individuals, as well as develop academically and spiritually. Most importantly, we want your child to reach their full potential in all that they do so that they develop a love of learning and become life-long learners. At Hardwicke, we inspire our children to shine! With your support anything is possible!

Our 'Welcome to School' brochure provides an overview of and information about starting school at Hardwicke. It will hopefully answer some of the questions that you may have however, if you do have any further questions, then please email them to: eyfs@hardwicke.gloucs.sch.uk and one of the early years team will respond.

I am sure you will agree that with the current situation, things remain uncertain. It is hoped that following the government roadmap out of lockdown, we will be able to host two story time sessions and two transition mornings whereby, the children attend school and spend time in the early years' classroom, meet their teacher and their peers. Assuming the road map remains unchanged, these transition opportunities will take place on the following **Wednesdays, 23rd and 30th June, and 7th and 14th July**. Further details will be shared closer to this time, once we have confirmed information from the DFE.

As soon as we have been given the most up to date guidance, we will of course send a confirmation email with further details. Please be assured however, that the EYFS team are making contact with your child's nursery/preschool as part of the transition process and in building a picture of your child a unique individual. Should you have any worries, concerns or questions, then please do use the email address above.

I am very much looking forward to meeting you and your child and starting on this exciting journey together.

Yours sincerely

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