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Dear Parents and Carers,

Postponement of meeting for parents

We are looking forward to getting to know our families who are joining Wivelsfield School for the first time, and of course meeting with those whom we already know well. However, in light of the current uncertainty surrounding arrangements for primary schools in September, we have decided to postpone our meeting with parents until later in July. By this time, we hope to have more definite information and also hope it can be a 'face to face' meeting. However, if needed, it will be held remotely. The date for this meeting will be sent out by the first week of July.

Next week we will send you some of the information you would have received, so you can begin to feel part of our community.

In the meantime, if your child had any additional needs that we need to be aware of, please contact our Inclusion Manager, Ms Reilly: tracyr@wivelsfield.e-sussex.sch.uk

Transition Arrangements

We now have our current Reception children back with us and this means we are not able to invite our children starting in September to join us for their usual visits in July. This is because, in line with DfE guidance, teachers and support staff are only allowed contact with their small group of up to 15 children within the school setting and we are also not allowing any non-essential visitors onto the school site.

We place huge importance on transition and are all really sorry about the changes to our usual practice, but I am sure you understand that these are exceptional times. In the meantime, we will video a tour of the school, along with a welcome message or story from the class teacher and make a little booklet to help your child become familiar with the school and some of our routines. This will be available in July.

In September, as long as we are open, we will offer a very gentle start to school:

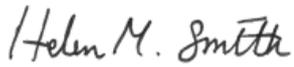
1. Invite you and your child to a personal meeting in school to meet the class teacher and teaching assistant (this is instead of home visits).
2. Arrange up to three stay and play visits with a small group of friends.
3. Start our usual induction of mornings, building up to staying for lunch, then the full day.

We hope to be in a position to confirm details of these plans in July and please be assured we are committed to ensuring your child's transition to school is as smooth as can be. If it takes a little longer than usual, we completely understand. Your child and family will be a part of the Wivelsfield School community for seven years, so if it takes a few weeks for some children to be ready to be in full time, that is fine.

As I have written before, in these unusual times, all the above arrangements may be subject to revision.

Thank you again for choosing Wivelsfield School.

Kind regards,



Helen Smith
Headteacher