

Wednesday 15th July 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

We will be delighted to welcome your child to start school at Sandy Hill Academy on Monday 7th September. The first day of school is the start of a new adventure for every child and their family and this year should be no exception.

We want your child to get off to a flying start and settle as quickly as possible. Your child's initial few days at school will be staggered so that children get to explore the environment and build their confidence. Smaller groups on the first few days enables us to support your child to settle in and means we can really get to know them individually. Below are the sessions and times your child will need to attend.

Your child's teacher will be Mrs Evans / Miss Penny

(Please see email sent 15.07.20 for your child's individual staggered start times and class teacher information)

Regrettably, this year due to Covid-19, and as stipulated in Government guidance, we are not able to welcome parents and grandparents into the classrooms or have the early transition sessions this term that we have enjoyed in previous years. In the current climate, the only option is for a quick goodbye outside at the designated school drop off point. Rest assured, regardless of current stipulations, somethings remain unchanged: your child will be greeted with a warm welcome and friendly smile that we will ensure they are surrounded by throughout the day. We will make a video of the route you and your child need to take to get to the Reception classroom. This will be available on our school website under the parent tab / starting school (due to be uploaded 21.07.20). Please share the video and talk to your child about going to school. The video will also show the inside of the classroom and all environments that will become familiar to your child shortly after starting.

Please continue to share the videos that are available on our parent tab showing our teachers reading stories. This year more than ever, it is important that you talk positively to your child about starting school. You can do this by supporting your child in practising to put on their

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school uniform. Find photos of you and other family members wearing school uniforms and share them with your child. Talk about the fun you had when you went to school. It is a really good idea to walk the route to and from the school entrance on more than one occasion. Discuss with your child how they might be feeling and explain that you will not be able to come into the classroom. During the next few weeks frequently discuss starting school and the names of the teacher and teaching assistant who will be the adults in their classroom. Continue to follow the Ready for School poster that we previously sent to you which is also available on the school website.

Uniform can be ordered from www.wovina.com or Screen Print located in Holmbush, St Austell. Please note that Book Bags are provided by the school free of charge and they will be given to the children during their first week in school.

Please send your child to school with their 'All About Me Box' and a water bottle.

Enjoy the summer and we look forward to welcoming you in September.

Best wishes

Bridget Rundle
Head of School

Kylie Evans
EYFS Lead
Reception Teacher

Tegan Penny
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