



DELVES LANE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers,

We're delighted to welcome you and your child to their new reception class next September.

I'm Mrs Woods and I'm Headteacher at Delves Lane Primary School. Mrs Randell OR Mrs Moody and Miss Taylor will be your child's Reception teacher and Mrs Beauvoisin will be the teaching assistant.

As a school, we've had to adapt rapidly over the past few weeks and we're currently open to vulnerable pupils and children of critical workers as well as providing pupils at home with their weekly learning timetables. We are hoping to open wider to current Reception, Year 1 and Year 6 children in the coming weeks, but this will be decided at our governors meeting. This decision will be shared with parents very soon. Unfortunately, we will not be providing any face-to-face transition visits for children coming into Reception his term (before the Summer holidays).

We will be hosting a virtual Zoom meeting with parents of new Reception children on:

Wednesday 24th June at 3pm.

This meeting will be held via Zoom. In order to join the meeting, you will need to provide us with an email address. It is extremely important that we have your current telephone numbers and email addresses so that we share important information with you. The meeting will give you the opportunity to virtually meet your child's class teacher, the Reception staff, our Special Needs Coordinator Mrs Shaw, myself and our Deputy Headteacher Miss Webb. Mrs Randell, our Early Years Leader, will go through some important information about what to expect when your child starts school. You will also get the opportunity to ask any questions. More information about how to join the meeting will be sent out later next week.

It's definitely an unusual and challenging time at the moment, and we know you and your child might be feeling worried about the transition into reception this September. We want to reassure you that we're here for you every step of the way.

In order to follow the government's guidelines on social distancing, we've had to adjust our arrangements for supporting this year's transition. However, we will be planning remote activities which will help put your child (and you!) at ease and get them feeling as excited as we are for the new school year.

We will be writing to you again on **Friday 3rd July** with an update on transition arrangements for September.

If you have any concerns or questions about your child's transition, please let us know by emailing us at delveslaneprimary@durhamlearning.net

We can't say yet when we'll be able to open the school fully, but rest assured that if anything changes at all, we'll contact you as soon as possible via telephone, email or text message. We also have a school Facebook Page, so please 'like' our page.

We look forward to connecting with you more over the coming weeks, as we prepare for the start of your child's learning journey with us.

Warm regards,

Mrs Woods
HeadTeacher