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## Transition Arrangements for September 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

We are aware that your child, like every other child in the country, will miss numerous transition opportunities in the Summer term, to gradually ease them into school life, becoming familiar with staff, the environment and the school building. Unfortunately this is out of our control, although we are acutely aware of how important transition is for young children.

Our Reception staff have made an introductory video for parents and children to watch together introducing themselves and showing you around the Reception class.

Mrs Breen has also recorded her presentation for parents/carers that would usually be held prior to induction days. These videos can be found at:

<http://www.wolsingham-pri.durham.sch.uk/our-classes/reception-class/reception-intake-2020/>

If you have any questions following these videos, please use the contact form at the bottom of the web page to email us.

Therefore we are planning, on Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September, to invite half of the children with one of their parents/carers for an induction morning from 9am until 11.00am and half of the children with one of their parents/carers for an induction afternoon from 1pm until 3pm.

On Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> and Friday 4<sup>th</sup> September, children who were part of the morning induction group will attend the morning session only (from 8.55am until 11.45am) and the children who were part of the afternoon induction group the afternoon session only (from 1pm until 3.15pm) before all children start school on the morning of Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September 8.45am – 3.15pm.

At Wolsingham Primary School we are in a very fortunate position, that our Nursery is part of the school. Due to the amount of Nursery provision that your child missed in the last academic year, we have made arrangements to ease them into Reception life gradually, utilising the Nursery environment. From their start date on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September, children will be in the Reception



classroom every morning, building relationships with the Reception class staff, becoming familiar with the school building, their classroom environment and routine. They will then spend the afternoon in Nursery, with Nursery staff and Reception staff, giving them the opportunity to revisit the learning opportunities that have been missed, in particular lots of personal, social and emotional development. Rather than saying that this will happen for a set amount of weeks, staff will use their professional knowledge, and decide when they believe the children are ready to spend their whole school day in the Reception classroom. We will inform you when this decision has been made.

We believe as a school that putting the children's needs first will make the transition into school life easier, and give them the best possible start to their year in Reception.

This transition plan assumes that all children will return to school in September and that parents will be able to access the building, however the school will continue to refer to guidance from DfE, PHE and the local authority. If for any reason these plans change due to the Covid-19 pandemic and guidance published, we will inform you directly.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

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