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7th May 2021

Dear Parents,

Dear Families

### **Reception Induction Information for September 2021**

We are very much looking forward to welcoming your child to Dunsford Community Academy as they begin their primary education. In this letter, you will find out about the next stages of our induction plans for the younger members of our school family who will be starting this September.

Whilst we do not yet know how school opening will look in September, please rest assured that we will be closely monitoring government advice and, as restrictions are gradually relaxed, we want to ensure that all of our children, families and staff remain safe and supported throughout the transition period this term and beyond. We cannot predict how situations may change but we would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your understanding and patience.

We know that, at the moment, school is looking a little different than it has looked in previous years and that your child's nursery experience may have been shorter than desired. With this in mind we wanted to work extra hard in creating new ways to support the preparation for your child's transition into Reception.

#### ***What happens next?***

#### **Welcome afternoon**

We would like to invite you to a **Reception Welcome Afternoon** on **Tuesday 15th June**. The afternoon will begin at **1:15pm** and end at **3:00pm** in order that those parents with children already at Dunsford will be able to then collect their children. We encourage all of our families to join us for this session as this will provide you with the opportunity to meet with myself, Miss Dann (our EYFS Lead and Reception teacher), Miss Cleverly our trust CEO and other children and parents



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beginning in Reception in September 2021. During the afternoon, you will get to take part in a short Forest School session with your child and partake in a picnic on our school field.

### **Virtual Home Visit**

We understand the importance of working together and getting to know our parents and families is a key part of this. Like last year, we will be offering a video call or a phone call (whichever you would prefer) as opposed to a home visit. This gives you the opportunity to talk with Miss Dann about your child and they can get to know her too! I know that Miss Dann will love to have the opportunity to welcome all of her new children to Willow class. The virtual home visits are a special way to get to know all of our new children and families and to begin/continue to form a strong relationship between yourself and the school. It is also an ideal time to share any questions that you may have. These meetings will take place during the week commencing **Monday 5th July**. Miss Dann and Mrs Sinton will be in touch soon to organise a suitable date and time. Although we will do our best to accommodate your requests, we may need to be a little flexible to ensure we fit everyone in. Thank you for your understanding.

### **Getting to know your child in their current setting (for those attending a different nursery)**

Getting to know our Reception pupils, so we can provide them with the very best support and settling into our setting, is something that is very important to us. To do this, in the instance that your child does not attend Dunsford Community Academy Nursery, we will be contacting your child's nursery setting so we can ensure a smooth transition for them. Miss Dann will arrange this if applicable.

### **Parent Handbook and Registration Pack**

Within the next few weeks you will receive your *Parent Handbook* which provides lots of useful information about life here at Dunsford Community Academy.



You will also find enclosed a copy of the *Registration Handbook* for you to complete for your child so that we can begin to register them on our school systems ready for September. Please complete this and return to us by **Friday 25th June** at the latest. We will enclose a stamped, addressed envelope for you but feel free to pop it in to Mrs Sinton in the academy office if you would prefer.

### **Something for your little one**

Miss Dann has put together a special transition pack that she will share with each of her new Reception children on Tuesday 15th June. This includes a range of resources for you and your child to enjoy and also some information about Miss Dann. We hope that you enjoy sharing these together over the coming weeks.

You will also receive your little one's Brown Bag Biography, a fun way for the children and Miss Dann to get to know each other better. Inside their brown bag, please place **five** items (or photos of the items) that are special to your child. We will be sharing these items with the class early in September.

### **In the meantime**

Our website has a dedicated area for all new Reception children and their families to support you and your child get ready for Reception. Miss Dann will be continuing to upload lots of brilliant resources as well as some photos of Willow class and the team so that you can begin to prepare for September 2021.

We will be writing to you again before the end of term with more information, including how the first few days and weeks of the new term will look. This may include information containing any updated guidance from the government. We will also be giving you more details regarding school meals and how to order these.



Finally, we are all delighted to welcome you and your family to Dunsford Community Academy. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or concerns on or [dunsford@lapsw.org](mailto:dunsford@lapsw.org)

Yours sincerely

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