



St Osyth C of E Primary School

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Dear Parent/Carer,

When I last wrote to you, I shared the plans we had in place for supporting your child coming to join us. These plans were based on the government implementing step four of the national release of lockdown on the date they expected, 21st June. This week, the government announced that step four of the national release of lock down would not take place until at least 19th July. This change places restrictions on schools. These restrictions mean that we have no choice but to alter our plans. We regret and apologise for this but have no choice. We must follow the rules we are given.

One of the rules that schools must follow is having no more than 30 adults at any one event. Therefore, we can not have children and parents, from both classes, visiting at the same time. Also, we can not have a large parent information event or parents to lunch. Consequently, our new induction arrangements are:

Your child will be in Mrs Rivas-Long and Mrs Kirk's class, RLK. Their 'stay and play' session is Tuesday 29th June 3:30pm-4:15pm. Only one family member can attend with each child.

Information Online for Parents and Carers

Instead of the parent and carer information session, which was planned for Tuesday 6th July, we will be placing a few videos and a Power Point online for parents to access. These will be online by the end of Tuesday 6th July. The content will include:

1. Introductions to all the Reception team
2. Introductions to our senior leaders, our SENCo and our Learning Mentor
3. Information about:
 - a. the structure of each day in Reception
 - b. the curriculum in Reception
 - c. school uniform
 - d. school attendance
 - e. the text and email system the school uses
 - f. the system the school uses for booking of school meals and paying for trips
 - g. how you can prepare yourself and your child for your child's first day at school

Again, please accept my apologies for the changes we have had to make to our induction arrangements. I do hope you understand that we have had no choice but to make these changes. Parents new to the school may not know that with the way we have handled the pandemic means that children's welfare and education has been well supported and we have not had to close any bubbles because we have not had an outbreak of COVID19.

It has been great to meet so many of you during our home visits. I, and the rest of the team look forward to welcoming your child into school for their stay and play session.

Yours sincerely,

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Miss Esparon (EYFS Lead and Teacher)