

Head of School: Mrs F Humberstone

14th July 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

On Thursday 2nd July, the Department for Education released comprehensive guidance outlining the way in which educational settings will be able operate safely from September 2020 onwards. Having received this guidance, we have been able to successfully adapt our Reception transition plans for the 2020 academic year.

Under normal circumstances, the EYFS team would visit the children at their preschool settings, host weekly stay and play sessions in the summer term and, in September, host parent information sessions. To reflect the requirements of the Department for Education's guidance, we will understandably be unable to offer this traditional transition. This year, the Reception transition will be staggered over a two-week period; weeks beginning Monday 7th and Monday 14th September 2020. To support the children's transition, allowing them to explore their new classroom in a calm and inviting manner, the class bubble will be split into 2 smaller groups, Group A and Group B.

At the end of this letter, you will find both the transition timetable for the aforementioned weeks, including daily timings for each session, along with confirmation of your child's designated transition group. Both transition groups will be assigned specific transition sessions, of equal duration, during this initial, two-week period. As the transition process progresses, the two groups will merge to form the full Reception class bubble. We firmly believe that this staggered approach will enable us to get to know your child and support their transition to school, ensuring that they feel happy, safe and secure with us, before they begin full time attendance.

During this transition period of two weeks, the Reception bubble will access Truro Learning Academy through the main school office. There will be social distancing markers on the floor that is essential to be adhered to. The EYFS team will be ready to greet you each day and guide your child into the Reception classroom. Please do not stand in the school office, but on the spots outside. Once your child has been handed over to our staff, we kindly ask that you leave the premises as soon as possible, to enable the children to enter the building as swiftly and smoothly as possible.

In September, more information on the arrival process **after** the transition period will be shared with you. We hope that this will provide both you and your child with

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further reassurance. From week commencing Monday 21st September 2020, the Reception bubble will attend school full time.

We hope that you find this information informative and that you enjoy talking to your child about their new teachers and school. Please also be reminded that all of the EYFS transition information you have received thus far is also shared on the Starting School section of our Academy website (under the 'Parents' section). Here, you are able to download additional copies of the information provided, as needed. There is also a Welcome Video on this platform so that you can get to know the staff working with your children – we hope that they enjoy this!

# For their transition, children with the surnames A-M will be Group A. Children with the surnames N-Z will be group B.

Please find your child's transition timetable below, on the following pages. This information covers both transition weeks. We cannot wait to meet you all!

Kind regards,

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Transition Week 1		
Monday 07.09.20 Tuesday 08.09.20	Group A	9:30am-11:30am
2 hour session	Group B	12:30pm-2:30pm
Wednesday 09.09.20 Thursday 10.09.20 Friday 11.09.20	Group A	9am-11:30am
2.5 hour session	Group B	12:30pm-3pm
Transition Week 2		
Monday 14.09.20  2.5 hour session	Group A	9:00am-11:30am
	Group B	12:30pm-3pm
Tuesday 15.09.20 Wednesday 16.09.20 Thursday 17.09.20	Group A	9:30am-12pm
2.5 hour session <b>plus lunch</b>	Group B	11:30am-2pm
Friday 18.09.20 All day The children will arrive and be picked up by the classroom today.  During this transition period,	Group A & B	9am-3pm

example: a jumper, coat and water bottle (please see medication guidance on transition booklet). Bookbags are not recommended during this period.

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The blue line indicates the path that is taken that leads to the social distancing spots from 07.09.20-17.09.20. Please maintain a 2m distance from other adults and children when on the premises.

Drop off/collection one way system



On 18.09.20 and onwards, your drop off point is indicated by the green spot. A member of staff will meet you and take your child around to the classroom. You will then follow the one way system to exit either around the front of the school (red route) or the back of the school (yellow route). You will also be collecting your child from this point at the end of the day. Please bear with us during this period, as we are still getting to know your friendly faces!

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