

# Grove Street Primary and Nursery School



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Dear parents/ carers,

We are delighted to hear the wonderful news that you have accepted a place for your child in our Reception class for September 2020 here at Grove Street Primary and Nursery School. We are looking forward to seeing all our current families again and excited to welcome and meet those of you who will be new to our school.

We understand that current times feel uncertain and families are concerned about what schooling will look like in September and how we are going to support your child with a smooth transition into their new class. We would like to reassure you that our approach will involve an induction process which will take place when it is safe to do so; we hope this will be September. This would include children coming into school in very small groups to give opportunities for parents and children to meet ourselves and the Reception class teachers.

We apologise that unfortunately due to the current pandemic, we have been unable to go ahead with our plans to invite parents and families to visit our school and understand the fantastic curriculum our Reception class offers. However, we feel that our induction process will allow us to do this and we hope to provide opportunities throughout the year, when it is safe to do so, for parents to join us in workshops focusing on Read, Write Inc. phonics and Power Maths, which we have found to have a dramatic impact on our standards, as well as potentially other aspects of our curriculum.

The mental health and well-being of our children is paramount and our first priority when children return to school. We understand that it is more important now than ever that our children have smooth transitions and sufficient time to settle back into school life due to the recent changes our children have had to adapt to. We are unbelievably proud of our children and families for this. As a school we pride ourselves in our nurturing approach, we know how precious your children are to you and want you to feel assured that with each decision we make as a school, it is always with your children's best interests at heart.

Please see below our intentions for what our induction process will look like. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us via dojo. We have created new class pages on dojo for the academic year 2020/21 and through these pages you will be able to contact ourselves through personal messages, keep up to date with information being shared as well as have contact with the Reception teachers.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Walsh

Head Teacher

Miss Campbell

Early Years Lead

## Reception Induction 2020

<p><b>Week 1 –</b> <b>02/09/2020 –</b> <b>04/09/2020</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Each child will be allocated one morning/ afternoon session where they will be invited to attend school with their parents.</li> <li>• The session will include meeting with Mrs Walsh, Miss Campbell and our wonderful Reception teachers Miss Kingsley and Miss McLeod to discuss what learning looks like in Reception. It will also include time for you and your child to explore our Reception environments and talk and ask staff questions individually.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Week 2 –</b> <b>(07/09/2020 –</b> <b>11/09/2020)</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Children will be invited to attend school for a morning or an afternoon session for the week. This provides a fantastic opportunity for adults to get to know your child, observe preferred friendship groups and trusted adults to create key person groups.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Week 3 –</b> <b>(14/09/2020 –</b> <b>18/09/2020)</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All children will be invited to attend school in the morning from 8:45am and stay for lunch until 12:30pm. This is to give children an opportunity to be in school with all their peers and familiarise themselves with lunchtime routines, with the support of their teachers.</li> </ul>
<p><b>Week 4 –</b> <b>(21/09/2020 –</b> <b>25/09/2020)</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Children to be in school full time.</li> </ul>

