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Dear new RFE parents,

We look forward to welcoming your child to our Reception class in September. You will receive more detailed information at the start of the term year but we would like to share some key messages now, to aid a smooth start for you and your child.

Communications, equipment and snacks

- During the first week in school your child **will be given a book bag** which he/she should bring to school every day. This will be used for any communications between home and school.
- The children will have PE at least twice a week. For this, you **only** need to bring a pair of **gym shoes** or plimsolls kept in a drawstring bag (not a backpack, space is very limited in the cloakroom). No PE kit is needed.
- She/he will also need a **pair of boots** for outdoor play in wet weather as well as a pair of **indoor shoes** (slippers, plimsolls...). These will be kept at school.
- The children will change from outdoor shoes to indoor shoes and vice-versa several times every day so please make sure your child can do so independently.
- Please provide your child with a **bottle of water** daily. It will be kept in the classroom during the day and taken home in the afternoons.
- Your child will go outside whatever the weather (under a covered area if it's raining) so please send her/him to school with **outdoor clothes** suitable for variable temperatures.
- Your child does not need spare clothes in case of toilet 'accidents' or getting wet or dirty outside: we have all we need at school. We will send soiled clothes home in a bag. Please wash and return borrowed items as soon as possible.
- Please **label all your child's belongings** carefully: bags, shoes, coats and water bottles.
- The children will be given **school fruit snacks** mid-morning, and you can sign up for free **milk** in the afternoon. The children will not need to bring any additional snack.
- Our school has a strict **NO NUTS policy**, so please be sure to be vigilant about it with any food brought to school or eaten just before school.

Arrival and pick up times and routines Due to COVID 19 we will update this when possible

- Normally, we would **welcome you to come into class with your child from 8.20am**. Please do not allow the children to come in before that time as we will be busy preparing for the day and sometimes the classroom is unsupervised. There is supervision in the playground from 8.00am. Please wait outside in the playground area and not in the cloakroom, until the teacher opens the door.

- **At home time, use the side gate to access the RFE classroom.** The gate and classroom doors will be **open from 3.15pm** and parents are then welcome to collect their child from the garden. Because of the limited parking available, we encourage parents who do not have older children in the school to pick up their child promptly, in order to be able to leave the premises early and free up a parking space.
- Until your child has turned 5, you will have the **option to collect him/her at lunchtime on Wednesdays**. If you choose to do this, please let us know in the morning and remember to check your child out at Reception as you leave the premises.

Please also refer to communications you have received from the school, and please fill in and return the child Entry Profile, which gives us useful information about your child. An additional bit of information you may be able to provide in the profile is any details on what your child did during lockdown. Did she/he go to nursery or stay at home? How did that go? Is there anything relevant that we should know about, e.g. changes to routines?

We are very much looking forward to the year ahead with your child and you as parents and carers. We will provide any updates to the information in this letter as and when available.

With kinds regards,

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