



Friday 15th May 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

A very warm welcome to Templemoor Infant and Nursery School

On behalf of all the staff and Governors we would like to welcome you and your child to Templemoor Infant and Nursery School. We are delighted that your child is coming to join us in September.

At Templemoor we believe that the job of educating is a never-ending one. It begins before a child comes to school and continues long after they have left. Our aim is to work together in partnership with parents to make the transition to Reception a smooth, pleasant and exciting experience for you and your child.

Ordinarily, we would be writing to you to invite you to a number of events and meetings. However, due to the current situation this is not possible. As I am sure you will appreciate, as a school, we have had to adapt rapidly over the past few weeks. It is definitely an unusual and challenging time at the moment, and we know you and your child might be feeling worried about the transition into Reception this September. We want to reassure you that we're here for you every step of the way.

Starting school is a milestone for both you and your child. It is a time to be celebrated. Whilst we understand that current measures make this more difficult, we will do everything we can to ensure it stays a positive experience for everyone. In order to follow the government's guidelines on social distancing, we've had to adjust our arrangements for supporting this year's transition. However, we hope the remote activities that we've planned will help put your child (and you!) at ease and get them feeling as excited as we are for the new school year. These include:

- We have set up a dedicated email for new Reception parents so you can send in forms, ask questions and get feedback.
- We have created a section on our school website, under the tab 'Transition' which will include all the information that we normally share during the transition meetings.
- We will be sending out information booklets with lots of details in about Reception. You will also receive lots of forms to fill in which you will need to complete and return to school via the dedicated email address.
- We are currently in the process of preparing a school video tour of the school, including your child's classroom, outdoor area and school hall.
- We are preparing to record a video of teachers and support staff introducing themselves, talking about their hobbies and reading stories that children can watch in their own time.
- The Headteacher's welcome, which would normally take place at a specific induction meeting, will be made available via video.
- We will set up calls with families so that the children can talk to their new teacher and you can ask any key questions that you may have.

- We will organise a remote Q&A session via email for all parents so you can find out what other parents are asking. These will be published on the website as FAQs where everyone can see.
- We will send out specific activities to do at home with your child to prepare them for Reception.
- We will (if we are able to) carry out home visits in the Autumn Term to those families who are new to Templemoor.

If you have any concerns or questions about your child's transition, please let us know by contacting us via newreception@templemoor.trafford.sch.uk.

We can't say as yet when we'll be able to open the school fully, but rest assured that if anything changes at all, we'll contact you as soon as possible via email.

We look forward to connecting with you over the next term, as we prepare for the start of your child's learning journey with us. We hope that you and your child will have a happy and exciting time with us as they continue their journey through a lifetime of learning. We look forward to getting to know you and sharing your child's learning experiences during their time with us. Whilst this may start off as more of a virtual relationship, this remains a priority for us. Together we can achieve the very best for your child.

Until we get to meet you all, please take care and stay safe.

With very best wishes,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'S Hodgson'.

Mr Hodgson (Headteacher) and the Early Years Team