

Clapham Terrace Community Primary School & Nursery

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Dear Reception 2020 Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Clapham Terrace! Following on from our telephone conversations a few weeks ago, I am now able to clarify our transition to school arrangements for you as we approach September, and the start of the new academic year.

Due to the current situation, and the guidelines we must follow, transition for your child from their Nursery setting to our school has to be different this year. However, whilst we have not been able to carry out Home and Nursery visits, or invite you and your child into school this term, we hope that our virtual approach to transition to school, is able to answer lots of your questions, and help you prepare your child for September.

Please follow the link <https://www.claphamterrace.info/new-starters/> where you will find lots of useful information about our school, and the Early Years setting. There are videos of the Team introducing ourselves, and several story telling sessions which we hope will give you a flavour of our broad and balanced approach to Early Years!

We have planned for the children to join us in September 2020, using the format and dates below, and we are optimistic that this will go ahead given the recent easing of social distancing. However, should smaller class sizes be required in September, we will have to reconsider our plan, and of course be in touch with you.

For the purposes of our September plan we have two groups of children joining Reception:

Group 1: Clapham Terrace Nursery children (our current Nursery cohort);

Group 2: New to Clapham Terrace children (external Nursery settings).

Week 1: Wednesday 2nd September – Friday 4th September

Week 2: Monday 7th September – Friday 11th September

Week 3: Monday 14th September – Friday 18th September

Week 4: Monday 21st September and onwards.

Group 1

Week 1: Attend Reception from 8.50am – 11.45am.

Week 2: 8.50am – 11.45am.

Week 3: 8.50am – 2pm, lunch is included, and provided by school.

Week 4: 8.50am – 3.10pm.

Please bring your child to the Reception playground from the blue, double gates on Davidson Avenue.

The children in **Group 1** are very familiar with our setting, however, should you wish to talk to me in September about any aspects of their transition, I will of course be available to meet with you at pick up time, or to chat via the telephone, or email.

Group 2

Week 1: Attend Reception from 1.00pm – 3.00pm, **with a parent, or carer, who is to stay for this first session.**

Please bring your child to the school office area, and the Early Years Team will meet you there.

Week 2: 1.00pm – 3.00pm.

Week 3: 8.50am – 2.00pm, lunch is included, and provided by school.

Week 4: 8.50am – 3.10pm.

Toward the end of the first afternoon on Wednesday 2nd September, whilst the Team continue to play with the children, I would like to meet with you, as a group, so you have an opportunity to ask any questions you may have.

Please be assured that should your child not be quite ready to join Reception on a fulltime basis straight away, we will of course discuss this with you on an individual basis. Our intention is that all children attend school fulltime by the end of the academic year. Many children will achieve this with ease. Others, however, may find this more challenging given their much reduced Nursery experience due to the extensive Lockdown period, and the very gradual easing of this.

It is imperative that school has all up to date medical information regarding your child and current contact details for you. To this end, please ensure all forms have been returned to us, if you have not done so already.

Your child will only need the following equipment on Wednesday 2nd September; a water bottle, a healthy snack such as a piece of fruit, and a sun hat! Please do apply sun cream at home before your child's session begins.

Should you have any questions that have not been answered, or have concerns you wish to share with us now, do not hesitate to make contact before the end of the summer term on Friday 17th July, 2020. Please call the school office on 01926 423404, or email the admin team on admin2312@welearn365.com. I will endeavour to make contact with you within 24 hours.

The Early Years Team is so looking forward to meeting you and your child in September, and working closely with you during the Reception year. We are extremely keen on building a close partnership with

you; this leads to settled, happy and engaged children, and we will work hard to support you during this new, and exciting experience.

Please do take time to digest all the virtual transition documentation, which we hope you will find informative and useful, and we are extremely grateful for your patience, and support, during these unusual times. We hope you have a thoroughly enjoyable summer holiday, and join us in September refreshed, and ready, for this next stage of your child's education.

Best wishes,

Mrs L Clarke

Early Years Leader

