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Friday 3rd July 2020

Dear Parents

**Transition arrangements for F2 children starting September 2020**

Thank you very much for continuing to bear with us during this uncertain time. This week, we are just welcoming our current F2 children back into school in small bubbles of 10 children, and everyone is enjoying being back to school!

I can now send you some more information about your child starting at school. To keep both you and your child, and our current F2 children who are back at school as safe as possible, we are not able to offer any face to face visits to school before the summer holidays. However, we have a series of events that we are offering to make sure that your child has a smooth transition into F2.

I hope you have all received our initial welcome video, and have chance to watch it and digest all the information. If you have not had chance to watch it, it can be found by following this link: <https://youtu.be/8o02jmLL7U4>. Please remember if you have any questions to e-mail [admin@heathfield.nottingham.sch.uk](mailto:admin@heathfield.nottingham.sch.uk) so we can answer them for you.

Firstly, I can now confirm that the teachers in the Dolphins will be **Mrs Lawrence and Miss McColl**

You will soon be receiving a second video, which you can share with your child. This video will give you a look around the classroom, and the class teacher will introduce themselves to you.

Next, we would like to invite you to an online class Zoom event on Wednesday 15th July. While we can’t meet in person at the moment, we would love to see your smiling faces from our screen! This will only last about 20 minutes, and your child’s new teacher will read a story to everyone.

Further details of the Zoom, and a meeting ID and password will be emailed or text to you next week.

We can now make a provisional plan for your child starting school in September. These plans are obviously subject to change if there any further spikes in the virus.

In September, we would like to spend the first 2 weeks of term settling the children into their new classes, therefore children will not attend school full time until Monday 14th September. We apologise for the slower start to the term, and realise it can make child care arrangements more difficult for that first two weeks of term. However, we feel strongly that we need to take this time to make sure the children get to know their new environment as we have missed out on this opportunity during this summer term as they would normally. We are also very aware of the implications of not having any F1 children in school since 20 March, so feel this is a good compromise.

Here is a timetable of events for September:

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| 2nd - 4th September | Children will be invited in small groups to come for a stay and play session in their classroom during this week. They will attend with an adult to familiarise themselves with their school environment, and to give the adults opportunity to ask any questions. |
| Week beginning 7th September | Dolphins group 1 will attend each morning this week  Dolphins group 2 will attend each afternoon this week |
| Week beginning 14th September | All children will start full time from Monday 14th September |

Your child will be in **Dolphins group 1** for this initial transition period.

We will send a confirmation letter with exact dates for when your child will need to attend school by Friday 24th July, along with a transition booklet for you to share with your child containing photos of their classroom and teacher in.

Thank you once again for your patience while we navigate our way through this difficult time!

Yours sincerely

Natalie West

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