



Oakfield CE (Aided) Primary School

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Welcome

Monday 27th April 2020

Dear Parents/ Carers,

We are delighted that your child has secured a place at Oakfield CE Primary for September 2020 and we look forward to welcoming you to our school.

In recent years, our welcome letter to you would include our 'Oakfield CE Primary School New Entrant Welcome Pack,' which includes all of the relevant information regarding our exciting transition opportunities for the children and their families. These would usually include; stay and play sessions after school, half day visits to school, teddy bears' picnic, bedtime story 'Pyjamarama' event. The pack would also include the date and time of your child's **home visit** along with all of the necessary school starter forms and information about school uniform etc. However, we are needing to rethink our approaches for September 2020 and think about a whole new way of working due to the current pandemic Covid-19.

With this in mind, and having no fixed date yet as to when schools will be reopening, we feel it is sensible to delay informing you of what our transition package will be, until we know more.

We would like to reassure you that we will aim to ensure all children and their families will have had the chance to visit us at school prior to them starting full time. In the event that schools are unable to reopen until September, we will look to defer the Reception class's starting date, to ensure our invaluable transition opportunities can still happen prior to your child starting school full time. This is not something we have ever had to do before because we organise our transition events to take place in the summer term beforehand, meaning that the majority of the children are well prepared and ready to settle quickly into school life.

We are aware that for some families, delaying their school start date will not be ideal, but we hope you understand that this will ensure your child has a smooth transition, which is key to a successful start at school.

In the first instance we ask that you email the school to confirm your child's place and provide us with some essential contact details:

Child's name:

I would like to confirm/ decline my child's place at Oakfield CE Primary for September 2020.

Pre-school child attends (if applicable):

Parent/carer name and contact telephone number:

Please email the information above to: reception2020@oakfieldcepri.iow.sch.uk N.B we will contact you via the email address you use to message us.

Our main form of communication with parent/carers at Oakfield is through an app called 'Parent Mail.' We will send out our starter forms for you to complete electronically on your phone/ device using this system. A help sheet for how to get started with this, has been uploaded to the portal along with this letter. We will use the email addresses provided from admissions/the email address you confirmed your child place using (they should be the same), to set you up on Parent Mail. Once we receive all of the necessary information from Admissions in early May we will be able set up our new families on this system; you will be notified via email when it is ready to activate.

We also use Tapestry Journal to create online journals for each child as well as setting up a blog which you will all be able to access. Many of you will be familiar with these from pre-school. Key information, reminders, photos of learning etc are shared on here throughout the year, usually from September but this will be available sooner for a two-way sharing of photos and information as we learn to work in new ways for the time being. Look out for an **email from Tapestry** asking you to activate your account. You will then need to download a free **app called 'Tapestry Journal'** and log in.

Other forms of communication, in addition to this are as follows:

School website: www.oakfieldcepri.iow.sch.uk/

School Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/oakfieldcepri> or search for @oakfieldcepri on Facebook

If you have any questions with regards to any of this information, or about your child starting school please do not hesitate to email Miss Rebecca Howlett, EYFS Lead on reception2020@oakfieldcepri.iow.sch.uk and she will get back to you as soon as possible.

Mrs Reader
Head of school

Miss Howlett
EYFS Leader