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Dear Parents and Carers

I hope you and your family are well. I have managed to speak to most of you on the phone over the past few weeks but apologies to those I have not yet managed to catch at a suitable time. I will keep trying and hope to have spoken to you all soon.

Due to the uncertainty caused by Coronavirus we have made the decision, for the safety of your child and yourselves, to postpone our usual in-school transition events until September 2020. We will contact you with more information as soon as possible. We are disappointed about this as we would have liked to get to know your child sooner. However, we are excited to offer you a range of online transition activities which will help you to begin supporting your child in becoming familiar with Oldbury Park Primary RSA Academy. Please see the timetable attached for activities, dates and times.

We have put together a welcome pack of information and resources for yourself and your child. Inside this pack you will find information on uniform, school lunches, Free School Meals and resources for the children which link to the activity sessions. The packs will be available to collect from the school office between Thursday 11th June and Thursday 18th June. Please come anytime between 9am and 3pm. When you pick up your pack, it will be inside a book bag which your child can use from September. Thank you to the PTA for providing the book bags. The forms included in the pack and a copy of your child's birth certificate need to be returned to the school office by 26th June.

In the timetable below, you will see we have a date (Thursday 25th June) planned for an online welcome meeting. This will be an opportunity for you to hear more information and ask questions. Mrs Boyce (Current Principal), Mrs Phillips (Deputy Head teacher) and myself (Reception Lead) will run this meeting. If you would like to take part in this online meeting, please email your preferred time (10.30am, 2pm or 6pm) to reception20-21@oldburypark.worcs.sch.uk by Friday 19th June.

The story, songs and rhymes and creative activity sessions will be recorded and uploaded to our school website. From the home page, click 'Parents' and then 'News'. Here you will find the videos which you can view anytime up until the end of August. This means you can join in with the sessions at a time which suits your family by following this link <u>http://www.oldburypark.worcs.sch.uk/category/news/</u>

The transition activity videos are being run by Mrs Cartwright and Miss Hall as the current Reception Team. We are in the process of organising classes and teachers and will let you know your child's class teacher for September as soon as possible. You will know this information before the 'Meet the Reception Team' session on the 6th July.

Activity	Date	Time	Resources from pack
Collect pack	Between	Between	N/A
from school	Thursday	9am and 3pm	
	11 th June and		
	Thursday		
	18 th June		
Story time with	Friday 19 th June	Video will be	Resource pack 1 – fish template,
Mrs Cartwright		uploaded by 10am	coloured paper, matching game
Songs and rhymes	Tuesday	Video will be	Resource pack 2 –
session with	23 rd June	uploaded by 10am	Nursery rhymes sheets, 5 little ducks
Miss Hall			sheet and pond sheet and minibeast
			hunt sheet
Online Welcome	Thursday	10.30am	N/A
Meeting using	25 th June	2.00pm	
Microsoft Teams		6.00pm	
Creative Time with	Tuesday	Video will be	Resource pack 3 – kite template,
Mrs Cartwright	30 th June	uploaded by 10am	coloured paper, string and crayons
Story Time with	Friday 3 rd July	Video will be	Resource pack 4 – animal masks, card
Mrs Cartwright		uploaded by 10am	strip, coloured paper
Meet the	Monday 6 th July	Video will be	All about me sheet
Reception Team		uploaded by 10am	

Before and After School Care

Before and after school care is provided on the school site by Victoria House. You can get more information and contact details at <u>http://www.victoriahousedaynursery.co.uk/oldbury_school.html</u>

<u>Uniform</u>

As explained above, more information is provided on uniform in your welcome pack. Our uniform provider is KitzUK based in Malvern. Please see the letter in your pack and their website for more information https://oldburypark-school.secure-decoration.com/

Universal Free School Meals

All children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are entitled to a free school lunch every day. Our catering provider, Aspens Services, prepares freshly cooked, nutritious lunches with a varied menu choice and specific meals for children with allergies or cultural preferences. You can order your child's lunch online every day before 9am or for a month at a time and your child can have a hot or cold lunch depending on their preference. Please see the information in your welcome pack for details.

Benefits-based Free School Meals

Benefits-based free school meals are an extension to the Universal Free School meals system. If you claim benefits, and think your child may be entitled to the benefits-based free school meals system, you can get additional support from school with uniform, after-school club discounts (from Year 1) and reduced-price school trips. You can apply for this system in one of two ways, either complete the form provided in your welcome pack or apply online at

http://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/info/20062/schools/684/applying for free school meals.

I look forward to 'seeing' some of you at our online welcome meeting on the 25th June. In the meantime, please contact the school by phone or email if you have any questions.

Rachel Cartwright

Reception Lead