



26th June 2020

St Teresa of Lisieux Catholic Primary School

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Dear Parents/ Guardians

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you again for choosing St Teresa of Lisieux for your child's education.

Ordinarily, we would be writing to you to invite you to a number of events to welcome you to our school and meet your child's Class Teacher before the end of this academic year. However, due to the current situation this is not possible.

We find ourselves in an unprecedented set of circumstances and understand the anxieties you may have about your child's transition into Reception. We would like to assure you that an induction process will take place when it is safe to do so. Schools are working within a constantly changing environment and receive regular updates from the Department for Education. We would like to thank you for your patience whilst we put together our plans - which we believe are practical and above-all mutually beneficial in supporting the best possible start to your child's school life.

Due to the current situation we have decided to postpone your child's transition until September when it is, hopefully, safer to do so. This plan is based on the idea that restrictions upon class sizes and social distancing will have been reduced by September and we can provide a smooth and effective transition period for your child. We are, however, obliged to follow current Government and Local Authority guidance and this plan may be subject to change – if this happens then we will notify you in due course.

You will have already received a telephone call, if we have been able to contact you, to gather some basic information about your child from the EYFS Leader and we have already contacted pre-school and nursery settings, as we always do, to find out about your child's learning and development. This means that we have been able to gather a clear picture of the children joining our school in September.

You are invited to attend a Parent Meeting, in school, to meet your child's class teacher and see your child's new classroom.

These meetings will take place on;

- Wednesday 2nd September
- Thursday 3rd September

You will be able to book an appointment time that suits you through the School Parent App – if you have not yet downloaded this app then please do so as it is our primary way of communicating important information with parents/guardians. The app is available through The App Store and on Google Play – search for 'PA Connect'.

Our Reception Teachers are;

- Mr. Gilroy (EYFS Leader) – Elm Class
- Mrs. Sloan – Oak Class





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Your child will then attend three transition and settling in sessions – where they will attend school for half of the day (either morning or afternoon). These sessions will allow your child to settle into school in reduced class sizes under reduced timings.

- Morning sessions will take place between 9.00am – 11.00am
- Afternoon sessions will take place between 1.00pm – 3.00pm

These sessions will take place on;

- Friday 4th September
- Monday 7th September
- Tuesday 8th September

You will be informed about whether your child should attend the morning or afternoon sessions.

From Wednesday 9th September your child will attend school for the full day.

We believe that this plan will allow your child to settle quickly into our school and get to know their new environment, friends and teachers through more relaxed and subtle conditions.

Before we meet you for your Parents Meeting we have included in this email a series of other important documents;

Welcome Information PowerPoint – this includes all of the information which we would normally share with you in a meeting this term – it summarises key information that you will need to be aware of before your child starts school, including timings, uniform and lunch arrangements.

A more detailed version of this is available as our **School Prospectus** available on our school website and Parent App. Please take some time to look at this prospectus which can be found here

<http://www.stteresaoflisieux.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2017/06/Prospectus-for-September-20.pdf>

Welcome Video – this short video shows children in our current Reception classes enjoying just some of the many activities and learning opportunities that we have available to our children. Please take some time to watch this video with your child and talk about the activities taking place. Which of these activities does your child enjoy? Which are they looking forward to trying?

Forms to be completed – please take some time to complete these forms and return them to school, you can bring these forms with you to your Parent Meeting in September or return them to the school office via email before the end of this academic year - they will be collected from this mail box admissions@stteresas.co.uk. It is important that we have these forms returned to school as your child may not be able to start school without them.





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Preparing Your Child for Starting School – this document contains general advice and lets you know what to expect when your child starts school – it also includes useful tips and activities to try at home to prepare your child for full time education.

Our school website contains all of the information you will need so is a good place to familiarise yourself with over the summer months.

Each year we encourage parents/guardians to support their child with their independence of Health and Self-Care before starting school. This is important every year but especially during the current situation. It will make life easier for your child (and school staff!) if your child can master these self-care skills before they start school;

- Washing their hands
- Using a tissue
- Going to the toilet
- Feeding themselves
- Dressing and undressing
- Tidying up

Key dates for your diary.

(please be aware that these dates/times may change if we are advised to do so in response to changing circumstances).

Wednesday 2 nd September	Parent Meetings (book through Parent App)
Thursday 3 rd September	Parent Meetings (book through Parent App)
Friday 4 th September	Transition – Settling In Days (half day sessions)
Monday 7 th September	Transition – Settling In Days (half day sessions)
Tuesday 8 th September	Transition – Settling In Days (half day sessions)
Wednesday 9 th September	All children attend full time from this date

If you have any further questions or queries please do not hesitate to contact us using the following email address; eyfs@stteresas.co.uk by using this email address we can ensure that your question is answered fully by the appropriate member of school staff.

We look forward to meeting you and your child in September.

Mr A Tremarco
 Head Teacher

