



St Teresa of Lisieux Catholic Primary School

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21st June 2021

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, although this will be in line with COVID-19 safety advice. Schools are working within a constantly changing environment and receive regular updates from the Department for Education and we believe that the transition process that we have put in place is practical and, above-all, mutually beneficial in supporting the best possible start to your child's school life.

We will still be going ahead with our usual parent's meeting, where you will be given all of the information that you need before your child starts school and where you will have the opportunity to ask any questions that you may have and meet your child's class teacher. However, due to current social distancing rules and advice from Liverpool City Council, this meeting will take place virtually via zoom on Monday 28th June. You will be sent a link for this meeting closer to the time. If you are unable to attend the meeting then you will find the presentation available on the school website after this date.

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 removed 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.

Over the coming weeks we will be contacting your child's current Nursery to arrange the transfer of transition information from the current setting to us.

You are invited to attend an individual, face to face, Meet the Teacher Meeting, in school - to meet your child's class teacher and see your child's new classroom in September.





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These meetings will take place on;

- Thursday 2nd September
- Friday 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

Your child will then attend two 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;

- Monday 6th September
- Tuesday 7th September

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

From Wednesday 8th 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 Meet the Teacher Meeting, you will find a series of other important and useful documents attached to this email along with other information available on our school website.

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 – including jumpers/cardigans, coats and shoes
- 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).

Thursday 2 nd September	Parent Meetings (book through Parent App)
Friday 3 rd September	Parent Meetings (book through Parent App)
Monday 6 th September	Transition – Settling In Days (half day sessions)
Tuesday 7 th September	Transition – Settling In Days (half day sessions)
Wednesday 8 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.

Yours sincerely

Mr A. Tremarco

