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**Dear Parents** 

## Re: Starting Bridge School in 2020

We are delighted that your child has been offered a place at Bridge & Patrixbourne CEP School for September 2020. You may be one of our families who already have a sibling at the school, or you may be joining our community for the first time. In either event, I would like to extend a warm welcome.

Our school vision is built around the importance of creativity (developing our gifts), excellence (being the best we can be) and resilience (learning from our experiences). These are the foundations to ensure that every child who passes through our school thrives and flourishes. Crucial to this is the partnership and relationship between home and school: we have high expectations of our children; you, as parents, rightly have high expectations of us as we have high expectations of the support that we receive from you. I am very proud that parental relationships in the school are strong and I have no doubt that this has a significant impact on our children.

The start of school can be a challenging time for children (and parents!) and so it is important that children have a secure start to the school. This is even more important given the current situation that we find ourselves in and we will do our best to be flexible and support children and parents at this important time.

We are planning to send out further information about our 'Transition into School' programme after Monday 11<sup>th</sup> May which will include Parent Sessions and hopefully include some Stay & Play sessions for the children. It will also include information about the arrangements for starting school in September as well as information about Bridge Bees – our Breakfast and After-School Club.

Given the current situation regarding the COVID-19 coronavirus, it would not be appropriate to ask parents to come to the school as would be the normal procedure. Please could the following documents are scanned/photographed and emailed to Morny Starling (Admissions Officer) – <u>morny.starling@bridge.kent.sch.uk</u>

- a) The completed acceptance form which was emailed to you from Kent County Council;
- b) Evidence of address for you this should be in the form of a recent Council Tax Bill or Lease Agreement; a utility bill (not mobile phone); bank/credit card statement showing your name and address;
- c) **Evidence of address for your child** e.g. Child Benefit, Tax Credits, GP/Hospital Letter or Bank Statement showing CHILD name and address.

Please note that documents should be dated within the last three months and only original documents can be accepted.

## These documents should then be kept as we are required to see the physical copies once schools reopen.

We look forward to welcoming you and your child to Bridge & Patrixbourne CEP School.



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Creativity, Excellence, Resilience

Yours sincerely

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James Tibbles, Headteacher

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