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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope this communication finds you and your family well. May I take this opportunity to welcome you and your children to our school family and to congratulate you upon your successful application in gaining a place within our highly-desired school; we anticipate a wonderful and exciting educational journey for your child in our school setting and we are very excited about meeting all our new children in September!

I am writing to apologise for the circumstances and some of the operational changes we have had to make regarding the unprecedented situation we find ourselves faced with at this time.

We are acutely aware that the starting dates for our new Reception children joining in September are somewhat more delayed than we would usually strive for under normal circumstances. Ordinarily, we would aim welcome all new children into reception by the end of the first week back in school after the summer holiday.

We acknowledge the proposed start dates may pose some challenges for you as a family and for this we apologise however we respectfully ask that you understand our allocation of time and space in school for our current Reception class to successfully transition into Year 1, given that they will have missed almost 6 months of school as we have been unable to facilitate this during the summer term due to staffing, operational and building restrictions. As you will no doubt appreciate, this transition period will be especially important for the class given that they will not have been to school for nearly six months, by the time they return in September.

Today's updated Government guidance for schools is reassuring in terms of whole-class teaching in September. Schools have been asked to admit all children before the end of September 2020 and the information you have received from your child's new class teacher will outline for you your child's official start date, along with (optional) opportunities for them to come and visit us before they officially begin schooling with us. Please view the most recent (attached) letter from Leeds Local Authority in regard to the current situation faced in school and once again, please accept my apologies and those on behalf of our Governors, who have supported our 'recovery planning' for the Federation.



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We can reassure you whole-heartedly that once your child joins us in school, they will be loved, nurtured and educated with the excellence we strive for with all children; our staff are working relentlessly to ensure your child will enjoy and very quickly become familiar with the routines and learning we have planned for them.

If you have any questions regarding the introductory sessions, please do not hesitate to be in touch.

Yours sincerely,

Sarah Richards

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