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Dear Parents and Carers,

We are very pleased to welcome you and your child to Barcombe School.

Due to the current situation, we have changed some of our transition arrangements. We have attached a revised timetable of transition events and slip with your individual timings.

Here are our revised plans for your child's settling in period:

Welcome Meeting

In place of our Welcome Meeting, we have attached the PowerPoint information slides with this email. If you have any questions, please email the school office. Mrs Whittle will be happy to call you if you would like to discuss a query.

School Website

All information for parents regarding the start of school and videos of our school and Early Years Foundation Stage, can be found on the 'Starting School' tab at the top of the school website.

Parent Introduction Zoom Meeting

All parents will be invited to a Zoom meeting on Wednesday 24th June at 10.00am. You will receive an email invitation sent to the email address you provided when accepting a place at the school.

Outdoor 'Stay and Play' Sessions.

These provide an opportunity for you and your child to meet other children and families, staff and enjoy our outdoor area.

These sessions, will now be held in the week beginning 7th September and the 14th September. Children are split into three groups based on age. The attached letter has details of the sessions you are invited to attend.

The children can wear their own clothes or their new school uniform to these sessions.

Parent Meetings

During the week beginning 7th September, we will meet with every family individually, to get to know you and find out about your child's development and interests. You will be able to ask questions and share information privately before they start school. These meetings, will be held in school rather than our usual home visits.

Please find the date and time for your meeting on the letter attached. These meetings are tightly scheduled in order to enable children to begin settling as soon as possible, but please contact the school office if it is not be possible for you to attend or you need to reschedule.

Part Time Settling Sessions

We offer part time sessions for the first two weeks to allow for a gradual settling in. Children are split by age into two smaller groups for the first two weeks to enable us to spend time with each child. Please see attached letter for your child's group.

Starting School.

From the week beginning the 28th September the children will be able to start school full time, if you choose. Please speak to Mrs Whittle if you feel your child would benefit from a more gradual transition to full time.

Please bring your child to the playground from 8.30am, where Mrs Whittle and Mrs Holmans will be there to meet you. When the bell rings at 8.45am, we will all walk down to Hedgehog Classroom together.

Parents are welcome to come in and help you put your things away and settle in the classroom, before saying good bye.

At pick up time, please come to the Hedgehog Class Garden, where children will be handed over to you by a member of the EYFS team at 3.10pm.

Please do come into the garden area to collect your child from Mrs Whittle and Mrs Holmans who may have information to pass on and will also be available once all of the children have been handed over to parents.

Your child will need to wear their uniform and bring with them a named reusable bottle of water (a bookbag will be given to them in their first week). They will also need their PE kit (further details in your welcome pack coming soon). As we have welly walks each week please bring a pair of wellies to keep in school. Please ensure that all items are **clearly named**.

If your child is unwell, please phone the office by 9.15am and leave a message on the answer phone to explain their absence. We also ask that you notify us of any changes in emergency contact numbers.

What Next?

We encourage you to spend time talking to your child about starting school and to support this have provided a virtual tour of Hedgehog Class on the new 'Starting School' section of our website. We will also upload stories for the children to get to know Mrs Whittle and Mrs Holmans in the coming weeks.

Each family has a welcome pack with lots of information about our school plus some documents for you to fill in and return to us at the parent meeting. Please collect your pack from our school office from Monday 22nd June, it may be useful to have seen this prior to the zoom meeting on the 24th June.

If you have any questions, please speak to Mrs Forster or Miss Rose in the school office who will be very happy to help.

Best Wishes,

Mrs Whittle

Hedgehog Class Teacher

