



May 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

We are delighted that you have chosen Sutton-in-Craven Community Primary School for the next exciting steps of your child's development. On behalf of the children, staff and governors of our school, I'd like to welcome you to our school family.

With our country currently in lockdown, things seem more than a little strange, don't they? As a school which prides itself as being a place 'where learners grow', we have all certainly had to grow, change and adapt over the last seven weeks. I am, however, very proud to say that our school is continuing to thrive, albeit primarily in a virtual form at the moment, as well as providing essential childcare for key workers. I hope that you might have already visited our school website and Facebook page for a peek into how our school community is continuing to grow and flourish during the current lockdown.

Our Early Years team has adapted our established transition into school to enable your child to make a successful start into school in September 2020. We will continue the need to be flexible in our approach and take into account changing government guidance to schools, as and when it becomes available. In the coming weeks we will all continue to face new challenges.

**It is currently our hope that all of our new Reception children will be in school full time by Monday 28 September 2020. This will follow a series of part-time school visits during the first three weeks of term.**

Although this may be possible for the majority of children, we also recognise that this may not be appropriate for every child. We can sometimes offer a more bespoke transition for a small number of children who may have additional or different needs. If you would like to discuss this further, please contact Mrs Bailey, our Early Years Leader, via [administrator@suttoncp.uk](mailto:administrator@suttoncp.uk). Mrs Bailey will be happy to talk through possible options.

During the first three weeks of term we envisage offering a programme of events and visits to school so that, by the fourth week of term, everyone is feeling confident for a full day of school.



These will include:

- Part-time small group sessions in school for children to enable them to become familiar with the indoor and outdoor classroom and to start making new friends.
- Parents' get together - probably tea and always biscuits; an informal opportunity to meet other parents and key staff.
- A Parents' Evening to find out more about the year ahead.
- A 1:1 home visit (probably 'virtual' this year) with the key member of staff. This allows us to get to know each other a little better.

Finally, I want to reassure you that, although the times are different at the moment, we have a tried and tested programme of successfully integrating our little learners into our school family. This year will not be so different - we have just played a little with the timings. I have every confidence in our lovely staff who will, I am sure, make you and your child feel very much welcomed. I want to tell you not to worry, but worry is understandable. Instead I will make you the promise that everyone at, what is now your school, will do everything within their power to make your child's transition to school a safe and happy experience.

Please fill in and return the attached forms to school as quickly as possible; this will enable us to 'get the ball rolling' and also to keep in touch with you.

Yours sincerely

*Fiona Beetles*

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Headteacher