



"We are called to be the hands and face of Jesus as we learn, love and grow together"

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Dear Parent/Carer

Welcome to St Vincent de Paul Reception class.

For some families this will be the start of a new journey with us and for others a continuation of the journey your child began in our nursery class. Either way, it is a very special and exciting journey for both your child and yourself and we look forward to working with you to make it as smooth as it can possibly be.

This letter aims to keep you fully informed of all the events and information regarding your child's transition into Reception.

Firstly, we would like to invite you to a virtual meeting to be held on **Wednesday, 30th June at 1.30pm**. Due to current restrictions, the meeting will be held via Zoom and will be an opportunity for you to meet the EYFS team and myself. During this meeting there will be an opportunity to ask any questions that you may have.

The meeting can be accessed via the following Zoom link:

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/71282847313?pwd=bDk3Q0dLdG9pRIY0cU5wbWs3WmcvUT09>

Meeting ID: 712 8284 7313

Passcode: P2BbrL

Please do not worry if you are unable to attend, as a recording of the meeting will be uploaded onto our website.

For those families not currently in our nursery, the EYFS team are currently engaging with staff from your children's current settings in order to make transition to us as seamless as possible. If your child is not attending a setting currently, a member of the EYFS team may be in contact to discuss your child's needs.

Due to current Covid restrictions, schools are not permitted to invite new pupils in to meet their new class as a large group. Children currently in school will meet their new teacher who will visit the nursery setting over the coming weeks. We are hoping, however, that it will be possible for us to arrange a short tour of the Reception environment in small groups of up to four families (strictly 1 adult /1 child each) after the close of the school day on Thursday, 8th July. This aims to make your child familiar with his / her teacher and the environment before starting in September. Timings and grouping will be advised nearer the time.

We also hope to upload a recorded story time session to our website so that the children have another opportunity to see their new teacher. Other key information (such as the EYFS Handbook) is shared on the reception class pages of our website. Other information will also be shared here when ready. You can access this area by the following link: [INFO FOR NEW RECEPTION CLASS](#)

We operate a short, staggered start to the year in order to introduce your child to the class and their peers. You will be informed of how this operates when you are notified the name of your child's class teacher. This information is currently being finalised.

Please find attached a visual guide to your child's transition.

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You will also find attached some important information, some of which needs to be returned to the school:

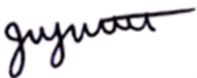
1. **GDPR form**
Please complete and return the attached letter, giving your consent to where your data is permitted to be stored.
2. **Permission to Collect form**
This form details who has permission to collect your child.
3. **Gold Registration form**
Please complete and return as soon as possible so that we can see whether your child may be entitled to free school meals and pupil premium. Once completed and returned, we will supply your child with a free book bag as a 'thank you'.
4. Information about our uniform supplier, **Smarty Schoolwear**.
5. **Cool Milk Letter**
If you would like to order milk for your child, please contact Cool Milk directly.

If you do have any queries in the meantime, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

I look forward to the start of a fruitful and valuable partnership with both yourself and your child.

Welcome to St Vincent de Paul School!

Yours sincerely



Jon White
Headteacher

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