



Little Hill Primary School

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Dear Parent/Carer

Thank you very much for choosing Little Hill Primary School for your child from August 2020. We look forward to seeing you very soon. You will now have received a new starter pack from us. I am writing to inform you of our arrangements for you and your child to visit and start school.

These are unprecedented times and unfortunately we are unable to offer the transition process that we would usually be able to offer this term. As a result, we have put a provisional plan in place for your child starting school with us at the start of next term, after the summer break. **Please note that this will mean that your child's start date for school will be later than the start of the academic year.** These plans are subject to change depending on Local Authority and Government advice nearer the time. We will, of course, keep you informed of any updates that we consequently receive.

PARENTS' MEETINGS – Week Beginning 31st August 2020

These meetings have been arranged especially for parents of children who will be starting school in our Foundation Stage next academic year. These meetings may need to be virtual meetings, depending on government advice nearer the time. We will confirm the times, dates and medium for the meeting at the end of August. During the meeting, you will get an opportunity to learn more about Little Hill Primary School and to meet the staff.

CHILDREN'S VISITS TO SCHOOL

Story Afternoons – Monday 7th and Tuesday 8th September 2020 - 2.40 to 3.00 p.m.

We would like to invite the children to attend a story afternoon on either Monday 7th September for children whose surname begins with the letter A – I (inclusive) or Tuesday 8th September for children whose surname begins with the letter J – Z (inclusive). Parents are requested to bring children to the Foundation Stage playground for 2.40 p.m. and collect them at 3.00 p.m. please. Unfortunately, at this stage we are unable to provide a waiting area for parents, due to social distancing rules. If this changes, we will let you know.

Afternoon Visits – Monday 14th and Wednesday 16th September 2020 - 1.30 to 2.45 p.m.

There will be an opportunity for the children to visit the school on one of the two dates given below. The purpose of this visit is to ease the process of starting school. If your child is unable to attend on the appropriate date, please let us know and we will suggest an alternative. Your child will meet other children who will also be starting school for the first time and will be introduced to their classrooms by the staff.

- a. Children whose surname begins with the letter A – I (inclusive) are invited to visit the school on **Monday 14th September 2020 at 1.30 p.m.**
- b. Children whose surname begins with the letter J – Z (inclusive) are invited to visit the school on **Wednesday 16th September 2020 at 1.30 p.m.**

Each of the two visits will last approximately 1¼ hours. Parents are requested to bring children to the Foundation Stage playground entrance at 1.30 p.m. where staff will meet you. You should collect your child at 2.45 p.m. from the same place. Please be prompt. If you intend to travel by car, please note that it may be beneficial for you to arrive a few minutes early in order to find a parking space on one of the side streets near to

the school. If you do opt to park in the school car park, please note that it will be locked from 3.00 to 3.30 p.m. You will have to wait until 3.30 p.m. before you are able to drive out. Thank you.

Our teachers have already been contacting your child's nursery and/or childminder.

PROPOSED ADMISSION DATES AND TIMES

Due to the government guidelines for schools from September not yet being released, we are unable to give you confirmed start dates and times at present. We are hoping to have groups of pupils starting school from the week beginning 21st September 2020. At present, we are unable to give details of how this may be organised but as soon as the guidance is released, we will contact you to confirm arrangements for September.

SCHOOL DINNERS/SCHOOL MILK

All children in Key Stage One and Foundation Stage are eligible to receive a Universal Free School Meal. We provide nutritious, balanced meals and research has shown that children benefit from having a hot meal at lunchtime. We would like to encourage all children to take advantage of this wonderful opportunity. Free fruit is also available for the children at break time, so please do not send your child with any snacks. Children also have the opportunity to receive a free 189ml carton of milk each day whilst under the age of 5. This is part of a government funded scheme to ensure that all children in the UK receive the nutrients that milk provides. Once your child reaches the age of 5 you can register on-line with 'Cool Milk' (www.coolmilk.com) where payments can be made for your child to continue to receive milk, if you wish. We also encourage children to drink water during the day so they are allowed a named water bottle in the classroom. From September, water bottles will be able to be purchased from the school office at a cost of £2.50 each.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

School Uniform items embroidered with the school logo can be ordered from Trinity School Wear (<https://www.trinityschoolwear.co.uk/>). Please find enclosed details and prices of the items that the company supply. However, it is not compulsory to have the school logo on your child's uniform and many supermarkets now stock uniform items in our school colours: red, grey and white. The PE uniform is black shorts, white t-shirt and a pair of black plimsolls.

SCHOOL COMMUNICATION TO PARENTS

You will receive regular letters during the year and all letters and further information will be available on our website - www.littlehill.leics.sch.uk. Letters and newsletters are generally sent home by e-mail through our SchoolComms communication platform; however, hard copies will be sent in children's book bags where we do not hold an e-mail address for you, or where we need you to complete a paper reply form. We are always very happy to discuss any issues which concern your child and you are welcome to make appointments with your child's class teacher whenever you wish. Parents' evenings are held every term so that you can discuss your child's progress and welfare with the teaching staff.

I appreciate that it is disappointing that we are not able to give you any definitive dates at present but please be assured that we are following all the guidance that we receive during this ever-changing and difficult time and any updates will be conveyed to you as soon as possible. It is very important for us to work closely together as partners in the education process during the time your child is at this school and the staff and I look forward immensely to meeting you as soon as it is safe to do so.

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me through the school office.

Yours sincerely

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