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17<sup>th</sup> June, 2020

Dear Parents,

I hope your son/daughter is looking forward to starting school. Some may be excited about the start, while others will feel apprehensive, especially as they haven't had their normal inductions and transition sessions. It is our intent that the children have a broad and balanced curriculum that will enable them to become independent learners, having the courage to try new things, the perseverance to keep trying, showing compassion towards others, where friendship, respect and truthfulness are equally valued, therefore embracing our school motto –**Positive Minds, Positive Futures**. We have high expectations for all the children, which will enable each child to develop personally, socially, emotionally, spiritually, physically, creatively and intellectually as individuals and where they can strive to reach their full potential.

In order for us to help make the transition as smooth as possible, we normally take photographs of you and your child when you come in for one of the visits, with a message from yourself about looking forward to starting school and the things they might expect to see and do. To enable us to still do this welcome for your child, could you please take a photograph of you with your child, writing a short message in the speech bubble provided. In the past some of the things parents have written, have been to say have a good first day, we look forward to hearing what you have done, we know you are going to make lots of friends etc. Could these please be completed along with the photographs and sent into school by **Friday, 10<sup>th</sup> July, 2020**.

Could you also please forward to us by email, some photographs of your child playing or being with your family, that we can print off in school and make a collage of them, to go on their individual clip board, which will hold their work on the working wall. The pictures can be sent to [admin@gayton.wirral.sch.uk](mailto:admin@gayton.wirral.sch.uk)

The children are also allocated a **buddy**. The buddy is a pupil from Year 5, who will be there to support your child when they first join the school for break in the playground and at dinnertime. There are also various times over the academic year that the buddies work with the foundation children, for example, they make games and write books to share with them.

Your child's Buddy is:

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Hopefully, there will be an opportunity for your child to meet their buddy when they first start school. They normally look forward to meeting, though we are aware that they can be a little nervous on first meeting. From previous experience, this does not last long.

In the pack you will also have a letter regarding **Tapestry**. Tapestry is the online Learning Journal that we use during the school year, allowing you to see some of the activities your child has been doing. Any

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homework will also be put on here. Normally we don't set your child up on Tapestry until they are in school in September, but this year we are hoping to do it before the end of the Summer term. This will allow me to send greetings to your child over the Summer, to help them get to know Miss Spearing and myself. For us to be able to achieve this, we need you to return the Tapestry form by Friday, 3<sup>rd</sup> July, to ensure we can get everything set up.

I will be touch with you all within the next few weeks, so anything you wish to ask please feel free. We will hopefully be having meetings with you on one of two afternoons when your child starts. You will be given eSchools login details and if you could then book yourself on for an allocated time slot. This gives you the opportunity to ask further questions and to tell us about your child and family, or any information that you feel we should know.

We are looking forward to your child starting their learning journey with us and are looking forward to seeing them as a class very soon.

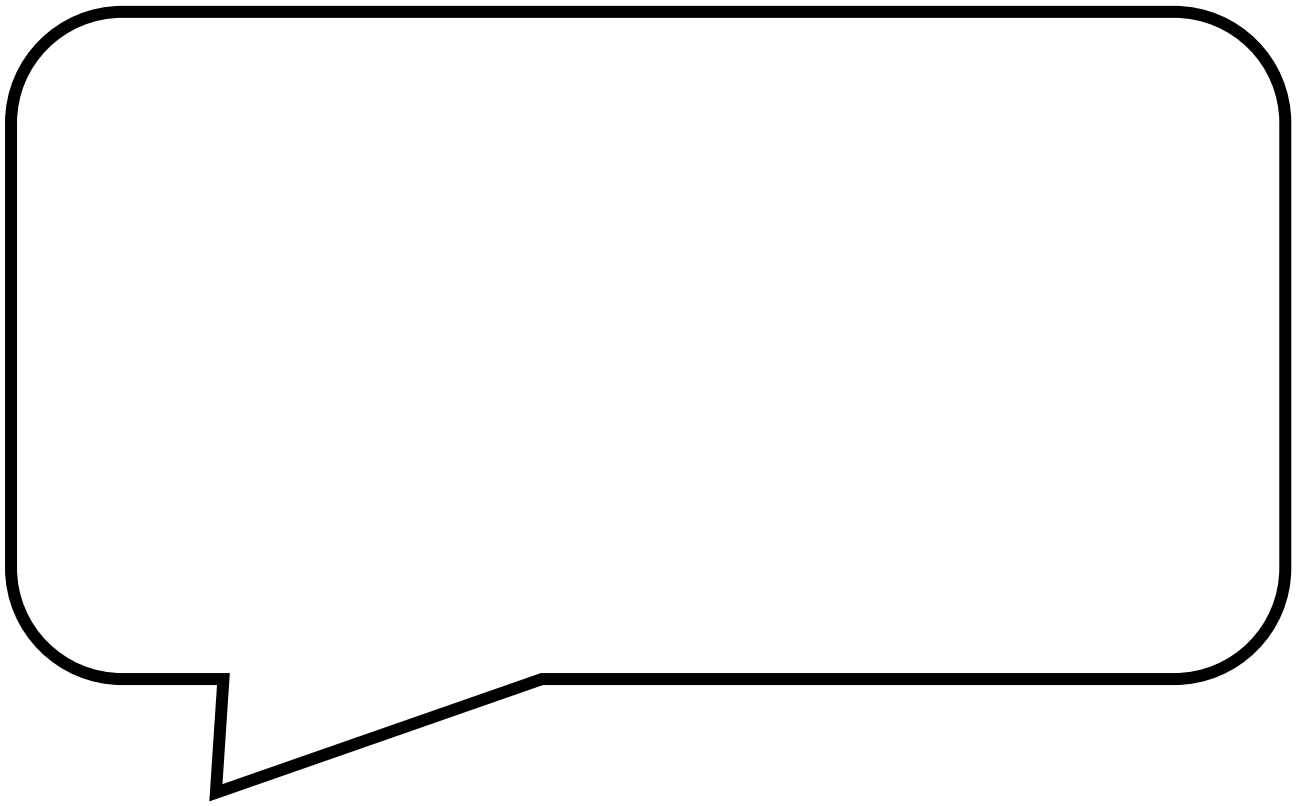
Kind Regards

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