

Gaddesby Primary School

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

We are writing to update you on your child's transition process for the upcoming academic year.

As you are aware primary schools began to gradually reopen to EYFS, Year 1 and Year 6 pupils, on week commencing June 1st. In line with Government advice our children will be taught in smaller class sizes and within "bubbles". Due to the nature of these new measures, to ensure maximum safety of both pupils and staff, your child's class teacher will need to be in school, ensuring the current EYFS pupils are cared for. Government guidance also stipulates that parents will not be allowed onto the school premises in order to prevent spread of the Covid-19 virus—which in turn, greatly impacts our face to face part of the induction process.

We have therefore made the difficult decision of moving to our second model of transition to support your child's first steps into Gaddesby Primary School. In doing so, it will ensure that your child does not miss out on an effective transition for this exciting chapter in their lives.

The transition model will consist of;

- Welcome Booklets will be sent out in the post for you to share with your child to aid with developing familiarity. We have also uploaded a PDF version to our school website.
- A filmed EYFS Parent's Information Meeting will be posted on the website for you, which will contain information about EYFS curriculum and key information regarding school uniform and Cool Milk.
- Home Visits are to be scheduled for Wednesday 26th and Thursday 27th August. We will publish a Microsoft Form for you to book into your preferred time slot in the coming weeks.
- Transition half day scheduled for Friday 28th August; AM/ PM slot available for you to book.
- Children to then start school, full time, on Tuesday 1st September (following the bank holiday).

We have been busy updating our school website with hello videos, school tours, handy tips for parents, activities to complete at home, etc, for you to share with your child. Please continue to share these with your child as it will help to familiarise them with their new teachers and school.

If you do have any questions, please feel free to make contact using the email address kstansfield@gaddesby.bepschools.org

Best wishes Leigh Fox Head teacher

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