



24th April 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

We are delighted that you and your child are joining Chadsmead Primary Academy this coming September. On behalf of the Staff, Governors, children and parents, it gives me great pleasure to welcome you and your family to our school.

Reception Induction 2020

Ordinarily, we would be writing to you to invite you to a number of events and meetings. However, due to the current situation this is not possible.

We find ourselves in an unprecedented set of circumstances and anticipate the possible anxiety your family may currently feel about your child's transition into Reception but we would like to assure you that an induction process of some kind will take place; however currently you will understand that we cannot be specific about how and when. Schools are working within a constantly changing environment, with different versions of guidance coming from the DfE on a daily basis. We therefore ask for your patience whilst we put together plans which are practical, flexible and above-all mutually beneficial in supporting the best possible start to your child's school life.

As you can imagine we are running school with a skeleton staff, following the government guidance, but we promise that we will be in touch soon to share our plans for induction once we are clearer about the way forward nationally. We have created a new section on our website with information that you may need and you can access this here:
https://chadsmead.eschools.co.uk/cms_manage/edit_page/474691

We hope that many of your questions will be answered by visiting the page however, please do not hesitate to email our office on office@chadsmead.staffs.sch.uk if you have an urgent question and we will respond as soon as we can.

We fully understand how worried you might be about your child's induction but the most important thing at the moment is that you and your child are well and happy; we will be ready to resume learning quickly and positively when this is all over. Please be assured that we are committed to working through this challenging time together. If your child does not attend nursery at Chadsmead, we will be talking to your current childcare setting, as we always do, to find out where your child is in their learning.



Included in this pack is some information to read in preparation for your child's start.

- **EYs Foundation stage leaflet:** This provides information about daily routines
- **All about me:** Please complete this with your child. In September we will use it as a display and a talking point with the children.
- **Supporting your child with settling into school:** A information sheet to support your child with starting school.
- **What to expect, when:** This includes statements related to the Early Years Curriculum. We have included 30- 50 and 40-60 months old, however on the website you can access the whole document. You can look through the document and highlight what your child can do. We will ask for these forms back in September.

We shall also be in touch in June/July with various documents that collect data needed for starting school.

Every single child in the country, that will start Reception in the autumn term, will be in the same position as yours. Our promise to you is that we will continue to work in partnership, to ensure your child's start to school is both as exciting and positive as we can collectively make it. We look forward to welcoming you and your child into school once it is safe to do so.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading 'Gemma Grainger', is positioned to the left of a vertical line.

Yours faithfully
Gemma Grainger
Headteacher