



July 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

### **September Arrangements**

As we prepare for your child starting school with us, we have put together some useful information for you regarding your child's first day at school in September.

#### **When is the first day of term?**

- All children will start school full time on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September.

#### **What time should I bring my child to school and pick them up?**

- Our doors open at 8.40am and we take the register at 8.50am. The school day ends at 3.15pm.

#### **Where do I take my child on their first day?**

- Please enter the school by the main gates and head to the ramp on the right-hand side of the path. The ramp takes you to our playground where you are able to wait with your child. Mrs Harvey or I will be waiting for your child at the top of the steps. Other members of staff will be by the main gates to help direct you. You will also collect your child from here at the end of the day.

#### **Can I come into the building/classroom with my child?**

- Unfortunately, you will not be allowed to enter the building or classroom with your child due to the COVID 19 restrictions we currently have in place. This is an ever-changing situation which we will review and change accordingly as we are updated.

#### **What if my child gets upset and/or distressed as I leave them?**

- Some children can struggle to settle in at school at first but we have a wealth of experience in helping the children adapt and transition into school. We recognise this may take time for some children but we will work with you to ensure your child quickly settles into school life.

### **Does my child need to bring in a snack?**

- All the children will be offered a free piece of fruit in school each day so they do not need to bring any additional snacks.

### **Does my child need to bring in a water bottle?**

- We ask that all children bring in a water bottle each day so they are able to access this as they wish and at lunchtime.  
Your child will also be offered a free carton of milk at snack time. Please keep us updated about any allergies your child has if you have not already done so.

### **Will my child be able to have a school dinner?**

- Your child is entitled to a universal infant free school meal each day. A menu will be sent out in September for you to look at with your child and you can help them to make a choice about what they would like to have.  
If your child would prefer a packed lunch then they are welcome to bring one in.

We hope you have found the above information helpful ahead of your child starting with us. We are really looking forward to meeting you and your child in September. If you have any further questions then please do email [lstone@olota.uk](mailto:lstone@olota.uk).

With best wishes,

Mrs Stone

Early Years Leader