



4th May 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

Reception Class Induction to School for September 2021

May I take this opportunity to welcome you and your family to our school community and thank you for choosing our school for your child. Starting school is such an important and special time for you and your child and we would like to do everything we can to prepare and support you between now and your child starting in September.

During these extraordinary times we have needed to amend our induction programme, but would like to reassure you that the aim is still very much to ensure that you and your child feel happy, secure and at ease with both the adults and the environment before starting school.

Enclosed with this letter you will find a number of admission documents that need to be completed and returned to us by **Friday 28th May**, **together with a copy of your child's birth certificate**, **if not already supplied.** These documents can be returned to us by post to the school address or alternatively they can be dropped to the school office if this is more convenient.

You will also find a Tapestry introduction letter enclosed. Tapestry is an online system of recording your child's learning in Reception. We would like to set up each child's Tapestry account as soon as possible so that we can begin to use this ahead of September as a way of your child getting to know the staff and school. Please return this letter with your admission documents.

Our first parent information talk will take place during the week beginning Monday 7th June. This talk is your first opportunity to find out more about us and what to expect when your child starts school. We very much hope that we will be able to meet face to face for this talk and further information will be sent to you regarding arrangements for this. In the event that we are unable to meet, we will share the talk with you via email/Tapestry and it will be available on our school website for you to access https://ourladyoftheangels.eschools.co.uk/website

Also during the week beginning Monday 7th June you will receive a welcome pack with lots of useful information about the school e.g. school uniform, term dates, school opening times, and also further information specific to the Early Years Foundation Stage. Some of the content included in the pack will be covered during the parent information talk too.

As part of our usual induction programme we would invite your child into school to spend some time getting to know their new teacher and the other children in July. As we do not know what the situation in schools will look like yet we will keep you informed about this. If we are unable to arrange this ahead of September then we will endeavour to find other ways to familiarise your child with the school.

We have added a New Reception Starters 2021 section on our website which we will keep up to date with as much information as possible for you, so please do check the page regularly.

If you have any questions about your child starting school please do not hesitate to contact us by emailing admin@olota.uk.

We look forward to welcoming you and your child to Our Lady of the Angels.

Yours Sincerely,

Amelia Harding Head Teacher