



Nursery Hill  
Primary

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## Early Years September 2020

### Welcome to Nursery Hill Primary School



We are delighted that you have chosen Nursery Hill Primary School and are so excited to be able to welcome your child through our gates in September. We are currently living through some very uncertain times due to the COVID-19 pandemic. However, we want to reassure you that we will do everything possible to provide the most positive start to primary school under these circumstances. Nothing matters more to us than your child walking into school with a big, confident smile on their face.

Here are some articles which have ideas for parents to help pre schools get ready for Reception (Scroll down to Things parents can do to help)

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/collections/starting-primary-school/>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zrynnrd>

<https://cdn-busybees.ams3.digitaloceanspaces.com/downloads/twoMetreActivity.pdf>

### Transition Update 1

I have no doubt that the impact of COVID-19 on our usual transition arrangements is causing some concerns and uncertainty for you. Although our teachers are preoccupied with providing the best possible remote learning and support for our current children, ensuring the best possible transition for our new starters is equally important to us.

On the 26<sup>th</sup> June we will be uploading a virtual tour of the early years setting onto our school webpage. We hope you will find it useful to start sharing this with your child so they can become familiar with their new environment, even if only virtually. We have also added a Power Point presentation to the webpage that is normally delivered to new parents. Hopefully this will answer some of the questions you may have.



It is our mission for everyone to flourish and exceed expectation in an inspiring environment where unique, confident children will sparkle.  
We are on top of the hill and reaching for the stars.



To give your child the most settled and personalised start to school, we would usually offer the following to aid transition:

- Stay and Play/Story Time Sessions
- Pre-School Communication
- Individual Meetings with the Early Years Teacher
- Home Visits

In line with the Government guidance, subject to updates and the consideration of the health and safety of our staff, we aim to offer as much of this as possible although social distancing may require us to be a little more creative in our approach.

Although we will be welcoming some of our current Reception children back into school during the summer term, they will be experiencing a very different environment and provision. We have considered carefully the advantages and disadvantages of trying to facilitate a visit to Nursery Hill for your child, before the Summer holiday. However, we feel very uneasy about their first experience of school being so different to what it would be under 'normal circumstances'.

Our view is that it could be very unsettling for them. We are likely to receive further guidance from the Government as the COVID-19 situation allows them to make decisions regarding transition. As soon as we know more, we will update you.

In the next few weeks, our Reception teacher will begin to make phone calls to yourselves to give you an opportunity to ask questions and share more information about your child. We will contact pre- school settings to gain more information in order to make the transition possible as easier as possible. As our plans progress, we will keep you updated.

In the meantime, should you have any queries, please contact us on our advice email:- [admin2001@welearn365.com](mailto:admin2001@welearn365.com)

Please try not to worry too much about how our current circumstances may impact on your child starting school. Every child is in a similar position; many will not have accessed pre-school for a prolonged period of time and all children will be missing play and social interaction with others their own age. Our team will be very sensitive to this when making plans for their provision when they start school.

Wishing all our new families the very best.



Ms J Clarke  
Head of School