

COLDWALTHAM, ST. JAMES' C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL

with Chuckleberries Pre School

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Dear

'Stay and Play' Afternoon Wednesday 21st July 1.15 – 2.45pm

We are delighted that we are going to be welcoming to St. James' in September. All the staff here are looking forward to being able to work together with you as your child continues their educational journey with us following their time in nursery.

We would like to invite to a 'Stay and Play' Afternoon on **Wednesday 21st July at 1.15pm** to help to prepare them for their transition to school. Due to the uncertainty about what Covid-19 regulations and guidance the school would be working under at this time, we waited until we received definitive guidance from the DfE and Local Authority before we definitely invited the children in. We are thrilled that we are going to be able to physically have the children in school rather than doing a welcome via Zoom!

On the day, please come to the school gate where you will be welcomed by a member of the Senior Leadership Team and shown to the playground where other staff members will be waiting to greet you. Your child will need to bring a named water bottle with them. Should the weather be glorious, please supply your child with a sunhat and apply suncream before they arrive (we are unable to apply suncream); should the weather be typically British, please supply them with a raincoat!

In line with the guidance that we have been following throughout the year which is still in place, parents/carers will be unable to come into the school building with the children. For this reason, we will hold a short outdoor welcome talk where you and the children will be able to meet the children's class teacher, Mrs Karen Holt, and their dedicated Teaching Assistant, Mrs Sian North, along with the Senior Leadership Team of the school: myself, Mrs Nicky Kirby and Mr Paul Armitage.

Following this short introduction, Mrs Holt and Mrs North will take the children into school where they will have a range of activities to take part in and listen to a story together. The SLT will remain with parents/carers and this will be an opportunity for us to answer any questions you may have or to discuss anything you feel that you need to.

If the weather is unclément, we will arrange how we will hold the welcome talk and discussion time in the school building in line with guidance.

You will need to return to school at **2.45pm** to pick your children up. Mrs Holt and Mrs North will bring the children out to the school gate to meet you on this occasion.



Arrangements for the first week in September

I would also like to take this opportunity to make you aware of the arrangements for the new Reception children at the start of the new year in September. The children's first day will be **Tuesday 7th September**; please bring them to the school gate at **9.00am** where they will be met by a member of SLT and Mrs North. **The children will remain at school until 12.00.** Mrs Holt and Mrs North will bring the children out to the school gate on this occasion.

On **Wednesday 8th September**, we would like the children to arrive at school for **8.45am** which is our usual start time. **They will remain in school for lunch and leave at 1.00pm.** Again, Mrs Holt and Mrs North will bring the children out to the school gate.

On **Thursday 9th September**, we would like the children to arrive at **8.45am** and will spend their first full day in school until **3.15pm**. The children will be brought out to the playground where you will collect them from, in line with the arrangements for the rest of the school.

Further details about what the children need to bring with them each day and arrangements for PE Kit, snacks and lunch will be provided at the 'Stay and Play' Afternoon.

We are so excited about welcoming and are very much looking forward to seeing them on Wednesday 21st July. Please can you confirm your child's attendance at the 'Stay and Play' Afternoon by replying to this email at the School Office email's address: office@coldwalthamschool.com

Have a very pleasant weekend and I look forward to meeting you next week.

Kind regards,



Mrs L Martin
Head of School