

Headteacher : H.Portrey

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Dear Parent/Carer

INFORMATION FOR NEW INTAKE PUPILS / SEPTEMBER 2021

Once again, we would like to say how sorry we are that we have had to make the difficult decision to alter the arrangements which were planned in order to introduce you and your child properly to Delapre Primary School. As last year, this is not the start we would really like to offer you, as new members to the family of Delapre. However, there is obviously a back-up plan to all of this, which I would like to outline to you.

New Parents' Evening

This is now cancelled. However, we will alert you to when a virtual introduction from myself and Miss Tomaschuk (Reception Leader) is ready for you to watch. There will also be a video to introduce all the Reception staff, for you and your child to watch. We will send you an email with the video links in due course.

Stay and Play Sessions

These are now postponed until September. **You will find details of the session you and your child have been allocated in your prospectus***. Due to space constraints, we will only be able to accommodate one parent/carers per child. We have also split the children up a little more (now 4 groups per class rather than 2) and allowed a slightly longer time (90 minutes per session).

The sessions will take place on Wednesday 8th September and Thursday 9th September. There are two sessions each day which are 9.15am-10.45am and 1.15pm-2.45pm. You will need to go to the School Office on the day, to gain entry.

Prospectus*

Usually, we would hand out a folder full of information on New Parents' Evening, which we obviously cannot now do.

Therefore, please pick up your prospectus from the School Office. These will be available from 12pm on Monday 21st June, and must be collected no later than Wednesday 30th June.

We also need you to bring in your child's original birth certificate and passport (if they have one). We will need to photocopy the documents and will hand them straight back to you. Within the prospectus there is paperwork that needs completing and returning to the school office **as soon as possible**. This will be indicated to you when you pick up your prospectus. We need these completed forms back no later than **Thursday 8th July**. Thank you for helping us in this matter.



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Phone Calls

The class teachers will try to make contact with you via telephone very soon. The earliest date this may happen is **Friday 2nd July**. Time for the teachers to make calls is scheduled in until **Thursday 8th July** so please do not worry if you do not hear from us on the 2nd July. If you are not available on the first attempt, further attempts will be made.

During this telephone call, the teachers will ask a few questions about your child, but it is also an opportunity for you to ask questions too. One of the questions the teachers will ask is about school lunches. All children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are currently entitled to government funded free school meals. We are currently reviewing our lunch provider and maybe able to provide hot lunches from September, therefore a menu cannot be provided at this time. We will provide more detail on this as soon as we can. It would be helpful if you let the teacher know whether you think you would like your child to have a school meal at this time or if you would like your child to bring their own.

Once you have picked up your prospectus, if there is anything you are unsure of, or would like to know more about, please contact the School Office on 01604 761456; or email us at: enquires@delapre.northants.sch.uk

Please be advised that all the above arrangements may need modifying in line with government guidance at the time. I am seriously hoping not though, for everyone's sake.

Thank you in advance of your patience and support in this difficult time. Stay safe.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'H Portrey', followed by a long horizontal line extending to the right.

**H Portrey
Headteacher**