



Soaring Skies Federation



## Nursery Class Transition

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Dear Parent(s)/Carer(s),

### Nursery Transition update: Letter 2

We are conscious that some of our new Nursery class children will not have visited Thomas Fairchild Community School before and if they have, it was a while ago! Entering a completely unfamiliar environment on their first day of school is far from ideal so we have adapted our usual transition arrangements to give the opportunity for a visit before your child's first day.

We are also mindful that many of our new Nursery class children may not have attended their usual nursery setting or play groups for quite some time. For this reason, we are keen to enable all children to start Nursery as soon as possible.

### Staggered Start

Not fully knowing what the situation will be in September, we have decided to revise our approach for this year.

In place of our usual home visits, this year **every new starter** will be invited to a drop-in session with the Nursery class teacher in the week beginning 7<sup>th</sup> September 2020.

All children will be staggered into Nursery during the week beginning 7<sup>th</sup> July 2020.

You will receive a date for your meet the teacher drop-in session and start date for your child in September.

**Will schools be back to 'normal' in September?** Currently, the situation is that schools will, in many ways, be back to some degree of normality. Senior Leaders will be monitoring the Government guidance very closely over the Summer and inform parents/carers of any major changes. Once we have a whole school plan finalised we will share it with all parents/carers. We are very excited to meet our new children and really look forward to welcoming our school community back in September.

Schools are still expected to maintain 'pods' of children to reduce the risk of more widespread infection. Our current plan is to keep the Nursery class in one pod so they can learn effectively in our open plan environment where they have lots of opportunities for high-quality social interaction.

In the meantime, should you have any queries, do not hesitate in contacting the School Office on 0207 253 9469.