

Ladysmith Federation

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you have been keeping well and negotiating the many challenges that have presented themselves during the Corona Virus Pandemic. I am writing to update you on our plans for helping your child to settle into Reception and life at Ladysmith School.

As you have probably guessed by now, we are having to completely re-think how to support families through the transition to school. Covid19 means that we can't offer our usual activities and we have therefore decided that the following might go some way to fill the gap. A letter home in the week of the 22nd June will have further details on:

- How to set up a Ladysmith Tapestry account. This will mean that your child's class teacher and teaching assistant can post videos for your child to watch. Your child can post things back electronically (with your help!) This will enable them to start to get to know one another. We will use Tapestry to post photos and film clips of different areas of the school so that your child can see what their classroom looks like, which toilets they will use, the canteen, where they will hang their coat and other important details
- A link to the school website where you will find bite-size introductions on a whole variety of areas, such as the Ladysmith team and ethos, the curriculum (what we teach), our pedagogy (how we teach the curriculum), School lunches etc, etc. This should answer most of the questions that you might have.
- How to sign-up for a date for a virtual meeting in September. This will replace the Home visit that usually takes place over the first three days of term. This is often an opportunity to talk confidentially with class teachers.

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Finally, and most importantly, we can share with you the names of your child's class teacher, teaching assistant/s and the name of the class that she/he will be joining. We are currently organising classes so that any information provided by pre-schools, nurseries and parents is taken into account when organising the class lists.

This is a new approach but one which will hopefully help you to feel confident about the places, relationships and routines of school life. It should mean that your child is ready to start at Ladysmith in September, in whatever form that may be. We're all getting very good at being flexible, so staying in touch will be very important.

Having a ParentMail account means that you will be kept up to date with changes, be reminded about events and become aware of the life of the school and community. If you need to contact us, please call us or email us on:

- infant.admin@ladysmithfederation.net

We are always happy to hear from parents, whatever the reason. Never be worried about asking questions or querying things. Together we can make the journey as smooth as possible for your very important person!

Kind Regards,



Emma Brown