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Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you for your patience and understanding regarding your child's entry into school this September. Although we are unable to invite the children to visit their classrooms, we are looking forward to meeting you and your child at the teddy bears party. Please find attached an induction pack of information. You will see a welcome booklet with pictures of the school for your child and a starting school booklet with information for yourself.

You will find in your pack an 'all about me' sheet. Please could you complete this sheet with your child during the summer and bring it to school in September. These sheets are a really useful talking point for children and offers opportunities for group discussions. We plan to display these within the classroom during the first term.

At the teddy bears party you will receive some paperwork which will need to be completed and returned to the office. Your child will also be given a 'name card'. This is a laminated strip with your child's name on with directional arrows indicating correct formation. Please could you check that your child's name is correct and how you want them to learn it. It might be that your child's name is Isabella but you call them Bella and want them to start off learning Bella. If you would like us to make any changes, please let us know as soon as possible. If your child's name card is correct you can keep it and use it to support name recognition and writing at home. Initially you can encourage them to finger trace the letters and then slowly work towards tracing them with a felt tip/dry wipe pen.

While things are different this year, due to the current circumstances, we want to ensure that you feel welcome, informed and as ready as possible to start school. Over the coming weeks we will be regularly updating our website with useful information, classroom and school videos and letters.

From Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> July you will be able to access our new parent induction powerpoint which you will find on the school starter page of our website (link below).

Please keep a close eye on our starting school webpage under the parent section - September 2021 Starter information

[https://www.kingina.somerset.sch.uk/web/september\\_2021\\_starter\\_information/508139](https://www.kingina.somerset.sch.uk/web/september_2021_starter_information/508139)

We hope these updates will put you and your child at ease with any starting school worries.

Class teachers would usually visit children in their nursery/preschool setting. Unfortunately, this cannot currently happen therefore class teachers will be having a telephone conversation with your child's keyworker from nursery/childminder to discuss your child's development and interests.

If your child has any medical needs (including allergies), special educational needs or you have important information you want to share with us before your child starts school please do contact us.

I hope you find the pack useful and enjoy exploring the new starters webpage over the coming weeks. Please do contact us if you have any questions or queries.

Kind Regards

Mrs Ruddle, Mrs Slade and Miss Berry

The Foundation Stage Team