



Monday 24th May 2021

Dear Parents/Carers

We are delighted that you and your child will soon be joining our wonderful school and community here at King Ina C of E Academy. We are really looking forward to meeting you at our new site. We appreciate that starting school is such an important and special time for you and your child and we will do everything we can to prepare and support you between now and your child starting in September.

As I am sure you will appreciate, due to the Coronavirus pandemic, our usual induction process will be different. At this stage, we do not know how restrictions will change across the rest of the academic year in schools. Once we have some indication from the government about school restrictions, we will be in contact with you to detail our induction plans. Ordinarily I would use this letter to invite you to school one evening to meet us all. We will arrange for this to take place later in the term if we are able, however please do visit our website to learn more about us. In the meantime, we are putting together starter packs full of all the information you will need to get you started, including where to purchase uniform and details of lunches. These will be sent out to you later in the summer term.

A September start to a new school is always full of excitement and apprehension and often it is an anxious time for everyone. We wish to reassure you that we are planning to best meet the needs of all of our children and their families and that your child will have a carefully considered induction period to King Ina C of E Academy. As part of this, we hope to host an event to enable you and your child to meet their class teacher prior to September. Also, as part of the transition process we usually meet your child in their pre-school setting. Whilst we are currently unsure if this will be possible, we are already in the process of contacting key workers to get to know your child and become familiar with their needs.

### **Helpful Hints**

Sometimes parents worry about how they can best prepare their child for starting school. The best way is really rather simple. Children take their cues from you - if you talk about starting school as an exciting and fun thing that is a normal part of growing up, your child will respond in a similar vein. We would encourage you to be positive about starting school and work on giving your child the gift of independence.

Can your child put on and take off their school uniform (including shoes)? Can they recognise their name in their school uniform? Can they find their own coat and put it on, doing up the zip or buttons? Can they use the toilet independently and wipe their own nose? Can your child use a knife and fork confidently? These sound like simple things but can make a child feel capable rather than helpless.

I am really looking forward to meeting you all and talking further. If you have any questions please do email me on:

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Best Wishes

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