



Horn's Mill
Primary School

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Frodsham,
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21st May 2020

Hello!



We would like to take this opportunity to welcome you to Horn's Mill Primary School. Your child will be starting school this September and they will be joining our Reception Class. It is an emotional and nervous time for you all and we will do our utmost to support you and your child through this exciting educational adventure.

Welcome Information

As part of our transition procedures, we would normally ask you to be a part of two events during the Summer term before your child starts in September:

- Welcome meeting at school for all parents
- Stay and Play session for the children and grown ups

Due to the current Coronavirus epidemic, we have been forced to re think our usual transition arrangements, and will need to do them a little differently this year. This is to ensure the safety of you and your child as new families to Horn's Mill. This year we will be creating a number of documents and videos for you and your child to view online. These will allow you to gain a 'feel' for what Reception is like here at Horn's Mill and provide you with further information that you will need to know about your child starting school.

On our school website under the sub heading '**Parents**', you will find a dedicated page for **New Reception Starters 2020**. This page is where you will find all the information you need. Any extra information we provide over the next few months will be uploaded to this website page, so we suggest that you check here regularly.

Uploaded onto this section of the website from **Monday 1st June**, there will be links to three video clips:

- "Meet the Head Teacher and Reception Teachers" – a 'get-to-know-you' video
- "Welcome to Reception" – an information video presented by Alice Steen (Reception Class teacher).
- "Classroom Tour" – a video to show what our Reception environment is like at Horn's Mill

If you have any questions at all after watching these videos, please feel free to email – asteen@hornsmill.cheshire.sch.uk.

To gain more information about your child and to prepare for their arrival, there are two documents that need to be completed. The return slip attached to this letter and the new starters booklet enclosed. Please can both documents be returned to school by Friday 12th June. You can drop them off at the office during school hours, post them using the enclosed envelope or scan/email to admin@hornsmill.cheshire.sch.uk.

If other transition events are possible and safe to do so, this will be arranged in due course. Therefore, it is really important we have up to date contact information to ensure you receive all the latest information.

Goody Bag Collection

Once you have viewed the videos from Monday 1st June on the school website, you will be able to collect your goody bag containing the items explained in the information video. Goody bags will be available to collect from the school office from Monday 15th June.

Starting in September

More details will be sent out in due course regarding start dates and times in September. This will give us time to make an informed and safe decision based on current government guidance. However, if all goes to plan, children starting at Horn's Mill in September will begin a short, week long staggered entry to school no later than Monday 7th September.

We look forward to meeting you all and are really excited that you will be joining us here at Horn's Mill.

Once again if you have any questions at all, no matter how big or small, please contact us on the email addresses below:

asteen@hornsmill.cheshire.sch.uk – Reception Class Teacher

head@hornsmill.cheshire.sch.uk – Headteacher

With kindest regards

Miss Alice Steen
Reception Teacher

Mrs Sharon Wyatt
Headteacher

Return slip

Child's Name: _____



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Date of Birth: _____

Current Pre-school/Day Nursery/Maintained Nursery your child attends:

Anything you think we should know...

If there is anything you think we should know about your child, please write it down here. It could be anything, the more we know the better ☺

Just wondering...

If you have any questions or worries, however small or silly you feel they may be, please feel free to write them here and we will contact you with a response...

Signed _____ Print _____ (Parent/Carer)

Please return this form and the new starter booklet to the school office in the enclosed envelope by **Friday 12th June** or if you prefer, send electronically to admin@hornsmill.cheshire.sch.uk