

SHINCLIFFE C. of E. (CONTROLLED) PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers,

We are delighted to welcome you and your family to our school and we are very much looking forward to teaching your child during their time in Reception Class.

Given the current situation and the closure of all schools, induction has had to be a little different this year. This has meant that unfortunately we have been unable to provide the transition sessions and visits which we would normally. However, we have been in contact with each of our new starters' current nurseries in order to have a handover discussion and sharing of information.

In September, the Reception children's arrival is staggered over the first three days of the term. This is to enable us to personally welcome each child and their parent/carer. We also find that this tends to alleviate some of worries which the children might have about coming in as part of a larger group of children.

On your child's first day, please arrive at the main school entrance at your given time slot. This is to enable the staff from the School Office to collect your completed forms. Once Mr Tait has welcomed you, then either myself or Mrs Silvester will come along to say hello and to collect your child to bring them down to the Reception classroom.

Each day after that, the children will come into school through the side infant entrance (as shown on the videos on our school website). At the end of the school day, the children will then leave through the infant entrance too. As part of our school's Safeguarding policy, we will only dismiss children to a known adult. Please assist us by **coming forward** to meet your child at the end of the school day. If they are being collected by a child-minder, grandparent etc, then please can you inform us of the arrangements in writing. If any arrangements for collection change during the school day, then please can you contact the School office who will in turn inform us, thank you.

As part of the protective measures schools are required to put into place to combat the spread of Coronavirus, we are implementing staggered drop off and pick up times (these will apply from your child's second day in school). For Reception Class the times are the following:

Drop off between 9am and 9.05am
Pick up between 3.20 and 3.25pm

We would appreciate it if you could put **one** small key ring on the outside of your child's book bag to help them to identify it independently. As you can probably imagine, 30 new school book bags tend to look completely identical! So, this will be a huge help to your child in supporting them to find which book bag is theirs.

We hope you have a wonderful Summer and we will see you in September. For continuing updates,

please see the Coronavirus section of the school website, thank you.
<http://www.shincliffe.durham.sch.uk/parents/coronavirus-update/>

From,

Mrs Short and Mrs Silvester