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Dear parents,

As all children across the country are returning to school, we are delighted that we can welcome our Reception children as planned. I want to reassure you that this will be done in accordance with government guidelines. Whilst we have not been able to hold an Induction day this year, we have provided opportunities for parents to talk to class teachers and ask questions. Our school web site also contains videos and PowerPoints to provide useful information for preparing you and your child for school.

You should have received your child's visit and start dates already. Please note that only groups of 10 children will be attending on visit days. Specific dates have been allocated to every child; you must only attend on the dates specified in your letter. This is to provide children with the opportunity to build relationships with new friends and teachers, as well as familiarising themselves with daily routines.

On their first visit, they will attend school for half a day, 8:50 am - 1 pm. Children will then return two days later for their second visit. This will be for a full day 8:50 am - 3:15 pm. All children will then start school on Monday 16th September 2020.

Please provide your child with a water bottle and come dressed in the school uniform. Class teachers will be waiting for your children outside the reception block (Dolphin class – Miss Cornford and Turtle class – Miss Gibb). To limit the number of adults in the playground we ask that only one adult per family drops off and collects children. As only 10 children will be attending on their first day, one parent will be able to enter the classroom for a short time to say goodbye. After this, we ask that you encourage your child to greet their teacher and enter their classroom without you.

At the end of the day, all children will wait inside their classrooms. Teachers will then be able to safely direct children to their parent/carer. Parents must be on time to collect their child. During this time, we ask for your patience to ensure that a queueing system is orderly and fair. Please maintain at least a 1m distance from the person in front of you. If you are unable to collect your child at the end of the day, you must notify us via email. Children will not be allowed to leave school with any other person unless we have been given your direct permission.

To ensure the health and well-being of all individuals please leave the premises as quickly as possible after collection and drop off. If you have any queries or concerns, please make an appointment to speak to your class teacher via email at parentcomms@derwentwater.ealing.sch.uk.

As time goes on, we hope to resume stay and play, coffee mornings, and parent workshops. However, this will be dependent upon the Government guidelines. In the meantime, meetings and enquiries will be by telephone or video conference. We want to support our families and children as much as possible so please let us know what you need.

At Derwentwater, we are proud of how closely we work with our families to support the education and well-being of our pupils. We will make every effort to help your child settle into school life quickly and happily. Our promise is that we will continue to work in partnership with you to ensure your child's experience at school is both positive and exciting.

Yours sincerely

Karen Hankin

Our vision is to create a community of successful learners who feel confident, happy and safe and who show respect for themselves, each other and the environment.

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