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Dear Parent/Carer of

Reception Class (RS, RG) Intake September 2021

We are delighted that, starting from September 2021, your child has been allocated a place at our school! We are excited to welcome your child into our reception year group so they can see where they will be learning and so they get the chance to meet their new friends and teachers. I am sure you have a number of questions and a few worries about starting school, but I also hope you are excited about the next chapter your child is about to begin.

At St George's, we are determined to make sure children are happy and safe. We will work very hard to make sure they have lots of fun while they learn. In return we expect all children to 'Strive to Shine' in all aspects of their schooling. They strive by giving everything 100% and shine by standing out in their own exceptional way!

Transition Arrangements

As you can imagine, with the current uncertain climate, it is very difficult to make concrete plans for transition. However, we aim to make your child's transition to our school as smooth as possible, even though it may be a different approach. We will keep you updated of our transition arrangements.

Pre-School Settings – Usually, our Reception teachers, Mrs Gent and Miss Robinson, visit all pre-school settings to gain an understanding about your child before they start with us. This won't be possible this year, however Darlington Authority have made a transition document which they have shared with your child's pre-school and they will forward this to us.

Transition Information – Although this is far from ideal, all transition information will be available to access on our website under the heading of New Starters which can be found on the Parent's section of the website. Mrs Gent and Miss Robinson will be in touch with you to answer any questions you may have as soon as we have finalised the reception classes. We will be hosting an open event on the morning of Wednesday 1st September. Details of which will be forwarded to you very soon via email. This will provide both you and your child an opportunity to meet your child's class teacher, ask any questions you may have and to have a look around the environment.

Uniform

We encourage all children at St George's to wear our school uniform. The wearing of a uniform has many advantages in terms of belonging, identity and discipline (and is hopefully a cheaper and easier option than keeping up to date with high street fashion!).

School uniform may be purchased from the main school office, where a number of items are kept in stock and where further orders may be made. The majority of purchases are made on-line through Elizabeth Embroidery – <https://elizabethembroidery.co.uk>. Our code is msg. Parents may also purchase uniform from other outlets. Please can we ask that all clothing is clearly and permanently labelled with your child's name.

Girls: white/blue blouse or polo shirt, grey/black skirt or trouser, royal blue sweatshirt/cardigan, sensible black/grey footwear (flat). Optional Summer uniform – Blue and white gingham dress and sensible sandals.

Boys: white/blue shirt or polo shirt, grey/black trousers, royal blue sweatshirt, sensible black/grey footwear (flat). Optional Summer uniform is grey/black shorts.

Open doors

Once your child starts school, we maintain an open-door policy. We work closely with parents and know how important good relationships are within school.

Please note: given the current uncertainty surrounding schools opening from the lockdown, these plans are subject to change. We will keep you informed through our website and through email.

Once again, I would like to express how delighted we are that your child has a place at our school. We hope they will be very happy here for many years. If you have any questions or concerns, (however trivial they may seem), please do not hesitate to contact us at school using the following email address ataylor@stegorges.darlington.sch.uk.

We look forward to seeing you soon!

With kind regards
Mrs J. Gleeson
Head Teacher



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