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'At Amblecote we achieve because in our pupils we believe.'

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Letter of Welcome

To the parents of:

We are delighted that has been offered a place at our school and will be joining our Reception class in September 2020. You will have already spoken to one of our Reception class teachers (Mrs Price, our Early Year Foundation Stage Leader or Miss Judd) on the telephone, but we wanted you to know that we are looking forward to meeting you and George in person in the coming months and would like to formally welcome you to the Amblecote Primary family.

Starting school is a very exciting time for all involved, but it can also cause some anxiety. At Amblecote we are committed to a smooth and timely transition that allows each child to settle in, get to know their teachers and make new friends. Our primary aim is a happy transition to school for everyone involved.

We believe that parents and carers play a key role in this transition, so you too can feel reassured that your child is safe and happy. Having a daughter myself who is also due to start school in September, I fully appreciate that during this time of uncertainty, the natural worries and anxieties that can occur when children are about to start school are exacerbated.

As we currently do not know how long the school closures will last, it is difficult for us to publish details of our usual transition programme. However please let me reassure you that we are already thinking of ways we can prepare George and give them the best possible start to school.

Starting school is a milestone for both you and and it is a time to be celebrated. Whilst we understand that current measures, make this more difficult, we will do everything we can to ensure it stays that way and is a positive experience for everyone.

We will aim to keep you updated as regularly as possible and we can assure you that we remain fully committed to ensuring a smooth start for education at Amblecote.

We will write to you again in the next few weeks to inform you of our induction arrangements as we know more and to request further information from yourselves. In the meantime, if you are a working parent and may require the services from our breakfast club or after school club, please email our manager, Mrs Tracey Cutler on tcutler@amblecote.dudley.sch.uk as soon as possible as places fill up quickly.

At Amblecote Primary, we aim to build an excellent relationship between home and school. Whilst this may start of as a virtual relationship, this remains a priority to us. Please do not hesitate to get in touch if you have any questions or concerns at this stage, by emailing: <u>newreceptionstarters@amblecote.dudley.sch.uk</u> Either Mrs Price, our EYFS lead, or myself will be very happy to speak to you.

Kind regards, Mrs Jane Cook.