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

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Please see below for further details of our transition arrangements for September 2020. Please note some slight changes to start/ finish times to avoid mixing with the Reception class bubble.

Induction Meeting

Wednesday 2nd September 2020 9.30-10.30am

The Pre-school side gate will be opened at 9.30am prompt. (Right hand side of the staff car park at the front of school.) The top gate will **NOT** be open at this time so please use the front entrance. Only one parent to attend the meeting, please **DO NOT BRING YOUR CHILDREN**. A member of the Pre-school staff team will be available to show you where to go.

Parent Meetings

Wednesday 2nd September 2020 Key Person Meetings 12.30 -1.00pm, 1.00-1.30pm, 1.30-2.00, 2.00-2.30 and 2.30-3.00 (you have already been given your individual meeting times)

The Pre-school side gate will be opened at 12.30pm, 1.00pm, 1.30pm, 2.00pm and 2.30pm **prompt**. (Right hand side of the staff car park at the front of school.) The top gate will **NOT** be open at this time so please use the front entrance. Only one parent to attend the meeting, please **DO NOT BRING YOUR CHILDREN**. A member of the Pre-school staff team will be available to show you where to go.

Thursday 3rd September 2020 Key Person Meetings 12.30 -1.00pm, 1.00-1.30pm, 1.30-2.00 and 2.30-3.00 (you have already been given your individual meeting times)

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Stay and Play Sessions

Thursday 3rd September 2020 – 9.30-11.00am **PROMPT (MORNING PRE-SCHOOL CHILDREN ONLY)**

Friday 4th September 2020 – 1.30-3.00pm **(AFTERNOON PRE-SCHOOL CHILDREN ONLY)**

Monday 7th September 9.30-11.00am **(MORNING PRE-SCHOOL CHILDREN ONLY)**

Monday 7th September 1.30-3.00pm **(AFTERNOON PRE-SCHOOL CHILDREN ONLY)**

Pre-school Start Date

Tuesday 8th September 2020 – this will be a staggered start for both Morning and Afternoon sessions (you have already been given your individual meeting times).

Grouping the children

The children will be grouped in classes and then into larger bubbles, within their phases. Bubbles will not mix with other bubbles, and we will be able to forgo social distancing between pupils within classrooms, so that we can accommodate all pupils.

Bubble 1 – Time for Twos

Bubble 2 – Pre-School AM

Bubble 3 – Pre-School PM

Bubble 4 – Reception

Bubble 5 – Year 1 & 2

Bubble 6 – Year 3 & 4

Bubble 7 – Year 5 & 6 – including the Learning Cave

There will be staggered drop off and collection times for these bubbles and there will also be staggered playtimes and lunchtimes during the day to ensure that children in different bubbles do not mix. A detailed information table and map of the school identifying classrooms and drop off and collection points, will be shared at the induction meeting on 2nd September stay and play session in September.

As a result of these measures, there will be no assemblies and opportunities to come together as a school. We will also be putting on hold plans we had to for educational visits and open sessions for parents in the Autumn Term. Parents' evenings have been planned for October, but it is important that we recognise, it may not be possible to hold these.

Handwashing

There will be hand sanitizer on entry and exit to Pre-school, along with sanitation wipes, please use the wipes or sanitizer to make sure your child's hands are cleaned on entry of the mobile. Before signing your child in and out of the Pre-school setting, please make sure you use the hand sanitizer available to you.

We will be insisting on frequent and thorough hand hygiene throughout the session. This will be achieved through frequent opportunities for children and adults to wash their hands throughout the day and using the hand sanitisers as and when needed.

Uniform and PE Kits

When the children return in September, they will all be in full uniform – Grey trousers or skirts, red jumpers or cardigans, a white shirt or polo shirt and black, flat sensible shoes.

One change that we have planned for next year, is that children will come to school in their PE kits and trainers on the days that they have a PE lesson. The children can wear their black shorts and white T-shirts, and then wear their jogging bottoms and top over the top of these. We ask that children simply keep a pair of black school pumps in a drawstring pump bag, in school, at all times on their peg.

Class PE Lessons and days to come to school in full PE Kit- **Tuesday PM & Thursday AM** (starting 1st October 2020.)

No other toys or resources can be brought into the setting at any time.

Snacks and Drinks

As a school we have yet to receive information on whether children will be able to receive free milk and snack provided by Pre-school. As a result of this, it is important that **ALL** children are sent into school with a piece of fruit to eat mid-morning.

It is also important that ALL children have a **water** bottle, which is clearly labelled with their name, so that there is no confusion and pupils do not drink from other children's bottles.

Lunches

For those children who are here 30 hours, please bring a healthy packed lunch. We ask that no products that contain nuts are sent in to school, as we have children in school with severe life-threatening allergies.

Medication

As has always been the case in school, children who need epi pens and / or inhalers will need to bring their medication (2 of each type of medication) in school on the first day. (including Stay and play sessions.)

If your child is sent to school without these, we will be unable to allow them to stay in school as this is potentially life-saving medication.

We ask that parents ensure that each piece of medication is in date and clearly labelled with the child's name.

Please find attached a copy of our updated Risk Assessments to explain the measures we have put in place as a school.

As a school, we are really looking forward to welcoming your child to Pre-school. We will be placing a strong focus on everyone's well-being and ensuring that the children feel safe, settled and happy as soon as possible. We recognise that this maybe an anxious time for many children and parents, but we are all here to help and support. As always, we want to work together to make the transition to school as smooth as possible for all.

If you have any questions or concerns please contact the school office on 01384 815298 or email preschool@amblecote.dudley.sch.uk and a member of the Pre-school Team will get back to you.

Many thanks for your understanding and support,

Mrs Jukes and the Pre-school Team.