

September 2020

# WELCOME

Dear Parents and Carers,

A very warm welcome to all of our new starters and their families.

We are really looking forward to getting to know your lovely children over the coming weeks and hope that we can use this transition period to ensure the children are happy and settled in school.

Obviously, most of our children have been at home with you for a long time now and, therefore, our main priority will be that all of the children feel safe and comfortable in their new school environment.

In order for you to get the most out of your time here at Our Lady of Lourdes School, we would like to share with you some important information about Reception class.

We have an open classroom in Reception, which means the children are able to access the outdoors as part of their everyday learning. As the colder and wetter weather approaches, can you ensure your child has a waterproof coat in school each day, as well as a pair of wellies (please ensure all clothing is clearly labelled with your child's name).

Please also be mindful that we do still get warm weather this half term and with this in mind, I would like to ask that you help us to keep your children safe by ensuring that on warm days they have sun cream applied before they come to school. Your child will also need to bring a water bottle to school each day, clearly labelled with their name. This will be taken home at the end of each day to be washed and refilled.

Due to Covid 19 restrictions, reading books will not be sent home for now and we will continue to follow government guidance on this. We will be using the online reading resources from Oxford Owl and ask that you read and share stories with your child as often as you possibly can. Your child will also read at least twice a week with us in school.

Once the children are settled into school they will receive a homework pack consisting of phonics and mathematics activities which will support what they are learning in school.

We are so excited to meet the children again and hope that everyone has a smooth and fun-filled transition into school life.

As always, do not hesitate to contact me via email if you have any questions or concerns.

Kind regards,

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