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Dear Parents and Carers of Reception Class 2021,

We would very much like to welcome you and your child to our friendly, caring and inclusive school.

By now, we would normally have invited you in for meetings and a tour around school. However, due to the COVID19 pandemic, we are not able to do this. Instead, our Reception Teachers have put together a "Virtual Tour" power-point, so that you and your child can see photos of staff members, their class and areas around school that they will use. This will be posted on the school website under "Our School".

As the Government's plans are for all children to return to school in September, we are planning to ask your child to attend, in small groups, for an induction period, at first. This is so that teachers have the opportunity to get to know your child, teach them important routines and expectations, as well as call you to get to know you and your child better, especially when identifying any additional needs. We will then plan for the children to come in full time, usually this is by week 4 of the Autumn Term.

Thank you in advance, for your patience, as we may need to change, amend or adapt our normal practise, depending on Government guidance and updates, as they arise. As we are aware, the COVID19 pandemic circumstances are being reviewed constantly.

We hope that you find the welcome pack useful. Please return the application forms and other paperwork by Friday 10th July, at the latest. We will need this to process all of your child's information for a smooth start to school, in September.

Please could you bring your child's birth certificate to school, when you return the pack. We will need to evidence that we have seen it to ensure that your child is in the correct year group and that we are following admission checks.

School Togs <https://www.schooltogs.com/> are opening this week, for personalised booked appointments for your child to get fitted in their new school uniform. Please contact them for more details.

If you have any questions or queries, please do not hesitate to contact us, on my email as above or admin@hestersway.gloucs.sch.uk .

We are very much looking forward to your child joining us in September.

Kind regards,

Kirsti Ashman
(Head Teacher)

