



Date 6/7/20

Update for parents with children starting Reception in September 20.

Dear Parents/carers,

Changing from the planned 'live' event to a recorded event

As you know, we normally run an information evening for new parents but this year we had indicated that we would make this a video conference. We have been conducting many meetings in this way during the Coronavirus crisis and we realise that sudden loss of bandwidth or other technical issues can cause problems during live meetings. In order to ensure that this is not a problem that prevents some parents from accessing parts or even all of the event, we have decided to record the presentation and send it out to parents instead.

Link to presentation

We hope that the presentation is useful in giving you an introduction to The Firs and an insight into what learning at The Firs will be like for your child when they join us in September. The link to the presentation is below:

<https://youtu.be/B1zlCnUPxT4>

Getting in contact

If you have any questions arising from the presentation then please don't hesitate to contact us on the Firs office email address and we will be very happy to help:

office@firslower.org

New Starter Packs

The vast majority of the new starter packs have been collected, thank you. We have a few remaining and we are currently making arrangements to ensure that these get out. In the New Starter Pack is the New Starter Form. This important registration form is referred to in the presentation (included in the link above). Could you please get this form back to us by **Friday 10th July**. Thank you.

Home visits

We will be conducting our home visits using Zoom in September and the details are in the New Starter Pack most of you have already received. **Please can you ensure that the office has the email address of the parent who will be taking part in the Zoom Meeting by Friday 10th July.** We will then send you an email with the Zoom link at the beginning of term in September. There is an information sheet about downloading and using Zoom attached in the email with this letter. Thank you.

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Hello from Pine!

The presentation gives parents a chance to hear from Mrs Coombes, Pine teacher and Mrs Mercer the EYFS leader. In addition we will be sending greetings from the Pine Team to all the children as video links via email, before the end of term.

As we said in the presentation, we really care for all our children and know how big a step coming into school is for both children and for parents! We hope that the steps we are taking give your child a happy and positive experience as they start their time with us in September. We can't wait to meet them all and in the meantime, I would like to wish all of you a very happy summer break.

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in blue ink, reading "Adam J.G. Campbell".

Adam J.G. Campbell
Headteacher