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Hello to all parents/carers of children starting school in September 2022!

We know you will be making the important decision of which school to send your child to shortly. Therefore, we would like to invite you and your child to look around the Reception provision at Whinfield Primary School and meet the staff.

As you appreciate, we will not be able to have our usual evening to introduce you to the school however, we have arranged what we hope will be just as enjoyable for you and your child. We have decided to invite children from the same nurseries to the same open session.

Each specific session will firstly, ensure that there is no mixing between different nurseries to keep everyone safe and secondly, will ensure your child sees familiar faces at the visit which will make them feel comfortable. It is for these reasons that we ask that you to only attend at the allocated time and day to which you have been invited.

We request that all adults take a Lateral Flow test prior to coming into school and that you will wear a face covering for the whole visit.

During the visit you will be able to look at the reception learning environment and talk to members of staff. There will be a craft activity for your child to complete, if they would like. As you will appreciate there will not be the usual amount of equipment out for children to play with due to the cleaning requirements of COVID but we want you to be able to feel welcome in our Reception environment. The Reception teachers will be on hand to answer any questions you may have about your child starting school. Members of the school's senior leadership team will also be available should you have any further queries.

Further information about our school can be found on the school website, including a video of the reception provision if you are unable to attend the open evening. Formal applications need to be sent to Darlington Borough Council by the 15th January 2022.

Thank you for considering Whinfield as your school of choice. Once all applications have been received we will be in touch about further events that we are planning for Summer Term 2022 which we would be delighted for you and your child to attend.

We look forward to meeting you soon.

Yours sincerely

Mrs S Welsh
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