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Dear Parent,

Thank you for confirming your child's place at Plympton St Maurice Primary School in September 2020. We are currently in unchartered waters, and earlier plans that we had in place, have now needed to be reviewed.

Following my previous letter, we have been advised that home visits will **not** take place this September. Whilst we value the opportunity to visit you and your child in the home environment, in the interests of health and safety, we need to take measures to ensure everyone remains safe. We are also unable to offer transition afternoons which would have been an opportunity for your child to spend time in school becoming familiar with their new setting and peers.

We would usually hold a meeting for parents to introduce ourselves. However due to current social distancing restrictions, we are instead putting together a welcome pack, including a comprehensive Parent Handbook, which you will receive either via a sibling currently in school or will be hand delivered to your doorstep in the coming weeks. You will also receive an email requesting you to complete all the necessary paperwork, for your child prior to starting primary school, and we ask that this be completed online via PC, tablet or smartphone asap. If you are unable to complete this paperwork please contact the school on the telephone number above.

We are really looking forward to welcoming your child to their very first day at school in September. This letter just covers a few of the things that you may need to know.

A normal school day

The doors will open at 8:45am, ready for the start of the school day at 8:50am. The class teacher will be at the door to greet you.

12.10 – 13.10 Lunch time break

15.10 – End of school day, children will be collected from the back playground. If someone different will be collecting them please make the school aware of this.

Snack/Lunch

All children are entitled to a free piece of fruit or veg every day which they will have at the snack café in the classroom. Children do NOT need to bring their own snack. If your child has a packed lunch from home, please send this in a labelled lunch box/bag and a labelled drinks bottle with water only. (no squash or fizzy). We encourage parents to provide a healthy packed lunch. Bars of chocolate and sweets are not allowed in school. Every child below the age of 7 is currently entitled to a free school meal each day, under a government scheme, known as Universal Free School Meals (UFSM). For the first few weeks, we shall accompany your children at lunchtime until they feel happy with the routine.

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Book Bags

Please ensure that your child brings their book bag **every day, clearly marked with their name**. Plain red book bags are available to buy from The National Schoolwear Shop, Mayflower Street, or Trutex, Billacombe Road. Please mark the handle of your child's book bag with a ribbon or key ring so that they can find their own easily. Further details of school uniform is in the Parent Handbook.

Settling in

Your child will be in school part time for the first week.

Week beginning Monday 7th Sept 8.50 – 12 noon all week, (home for lunch).

Week beginning Monday 14th Sept 8.50 – 3:10pm (full time)

As well as completing the forms online, we also need to see your child's original birth certificate. Please send your child's birth certificate in a sealed envelope addressed to our school administrator Mrs Tompkins, who will make a note of it on your child's file and return it the same day via your child. Please can parents also inform the school of any agencies, outside of school, who have been working with your child such as Speech & Language Therapist, Educational Psychologist or any involvement with social care. Please can you also inform the school if your child is from a service family.

We are really looking forward to getting to know you. There will be further communication from school, however should you have any concerns please don't hesitate to contact us.

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