

17<sup>th</sup> August 2020



Dear Parents of Foundation children,

I am very much looking forward to meeting you all on 7<sup>th</sup> September. I do hope you have all the information need to help get your child ready for coming to school. I hope you can accept my apologies for interrupting the summer holidays, however, I wanted to inform you of a few things.

I am aware that Government guidance has indicated that all children need to be in fulltime education in September, where possible. Some of you have contacted me to ask for a specific date when you want your child to start.

I appreciate that many of you may be anxious about your child's start in fulltime education and I hope this letter will reassure you. Conversely, some of you have requested fulltime education from 7<sup>th</sup> September, due to work commitments.

I am are also aware that some children will have been in fulltime nursery or with a child minder since 23<sup>rd</sup> March and other children may have had no pre-school provision. As you can appreciate, this leaves us in a tricky position making sure that we reach a compromise that is suitable for the majority of children.

After much consideration, the early years staff at Cuddington and Dinton and myself have decided that we would like all Foundation children to start full time on 14<sup>th</sup> September, a week earlier than previously stated.

The week beginning 7<sup>th</sup> September will be as planned; Foundation children starting at 9 am and finishing at 12.00. This will allow the children to transition to school more successfully and enable Mrs Harvey to meet with all parents to chat about your child. We will send you information on how to sign up for appointments with Mrs Harvey on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> September. We will not be able to look after any children in the afternoons of this week, as Mrs Harvey will be meeting with parents.

If your child needs early morning care provision, you can sign them up for Morning Owls which starts at 8.15 am; they are eligible for this from 7<sup>th</sup> September. Once fulltime in school (14<sup>th</sup> September), they will be eligible for after school provision which finishes at 5.30pm.

Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or queries about your child's start at Cuddington and Dinton School.

Yours

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