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Dear Parents and Carers

Children starting school in September 2021

Thank you so much to all of you who have already returned all the necessary admission documentation for your child. It was so lovely to be able to show those of you who requested a tour around the school and for you to be able to see it in its entirety. I know for all of you choosing a school this time has been a very unusual process and I am so happy that you decided to choose us.

We are very hopeful that as restrictions continue to lift, we will be able to offer a more 'normal' transition programme for your child. After half term, we will be in contact to arrange times for 1:1 meetings with our Reception Class teachers, which will enable you to share information about your child and ask any questions you may have about starting school. These meetings will be either virtually or by telephone.

June 2021

Towards the end of June, the Willow class teachers will start to put videos etc. onto Tapestry. These will show various aspects of school life including the classroom, outside area and the teachers reading stories etc. This will enable the children to start to feel a connection with the school. We will let you know when these have been uploaded. If you haven't returned the permission slip for Tapestry which was included in your information pack, please do so as soon as possible.

July 2021

In July, we are intending on holding some in-person events to enable the children to meet their classmates and their teachers in school and for you to be able to meet parents and staff. We are hopeful that by this time all Covid-19 restrictions will be lifted and we will be able to meet freely.

The provisional dates for these events are:

- Teddy Bears' Picnic on the field. Wednesday 7th July 2021 10.00am 11.00am
 This will be an opportunity for parents and children to meet each other and their teachers out on the field and enjoy some fun and games.
- Stay and Play in Willow Class Wednesday 14th July 2021 10.00am to 11.00am Children will be able to spend some time in Willow class so that they can experience their classroom environment and meet their classmates whilst parents meet with other staff and parents for coffee and a chat up in the hall.

September 2021

The children's first day at school will be on Monday 6th September 2021.

For the new Year R pupils, the arrangements for the first week will be as follows:

Date:	Drop off time	Location	Pick Up time	Location
Monday 6 th September	9.15am	Front Gate	11.30am	Front Gate
Tuesday 7 th September	9.15am	Front Gate	11.30am	Front Gate
Wednesday 8 th September	9.00am	Front Gate	1.00pm	Front Gate
Thursday 9 th September	9.00am	Front Gate	1.00pm	Front Gate
Friday 10 th September	9.00am	Front Gate	3.30pm	Front Gate

From Monday 13th September 2021 children will be in school fulltime.

We are very much looking forward to welcoming you and your children into the Sparsholt school community and will be in touch again after the half term break with more details. Kind regards,

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Mrs Hanratty

