

# Clarendon Road Primary School

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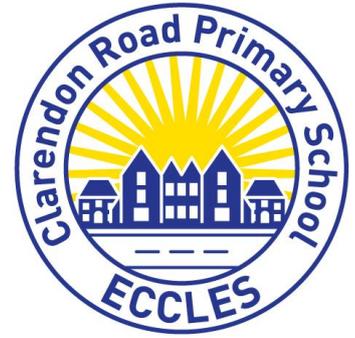
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Welcome to our Reception! (Class names - Apples & Pears)

We are so pleased that you have chosen to come to Clarendon Road from September and we cannot wait to meet you all. We hope that you are all having fun and keeping safe.

It is normally during the summer term that we start carrying out transition activities for your child. We would usually come and visit your child at home or visit your child's Nursery to speak to their key workers and find out about them. At the minute, this is not possible, but rest assured we will call your child's current setting and speak to them over the phone to gain this valuable information.

We also usually hold a meeting in the summer term for the adults to tell you more information about our school, how the Reception class works and key information you need. Again, at the minute we are unable to do this, so we will provide a lot of this information online.

Please do not worry, we know it is very different to our normal routines at this time of year, but we are here to make sure you all the information you need and to be here for any questions you may have.

On our website we have added our 'Welcome to Reception' power point which will provide you with lots of information that you will need about your child starting Reception at Clarendon Road. We have also added a video and an information booklet to help your child to become familiar with our school environment and the exciting areas the children get to play and learn in.

We have also uploaded some fun activities for you to do together with your child at home, including 50 things to do with Duplo & lots of Scavenger Hunts to keep you busy!

We hope that your child's current setting have provided support with activities to do at home. We have also shared extra resources on our website to help you gain an understanding of the things you can do to help prepare your child for school. Some of the most important things for your children are:

- Developing their independence skills (putting on own clothes, going to the toilet by themselves and wiping their own bottoms)
- Communication - talking about what they are doing and asking questions
- Playing games and learning to take turns
- Using their imagination in their play
- Sharing stories - it is a valuable skill for children to learn to sit and listen to them and then answer simple questions about a story
- Singing nursery rhymes and getting them to hear the words that rhyme is also a fun and beneficial activity.

As well as the resources, we have added some useful links to our website to help you support your child before they come to Reception.

We want to reassure you at this time of uncertainty that our new families are very much in our minds. We are here to give you as much support as any other year before your child starts.

If your child does not already attend our school for Nursery, a member of our team will give you a call in the next few weeks to discuss your child, their needs and help you if you have any questions.

Our school email address is a great way for any of our families to ask questions and is found at the top of this letter.

We are not in a position yet to set dates for the return to normal full school provision, but we will be in touch as soon as we know what the next steps are.

In the meantime, we hope you enjoy sharing everything in your pack with your child and having a look at our website for more information.

We are all really looking forward to welcoming you all to our school community as soon as possible!

See you all soon and take care,

Mrs R Barnes  
(Early Years Lead Teacher)