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Dear Parents & Carers of children in Year R,

We hope this finds you all well. The time is fast approaching for your little one to start school and we wanted to remind you of a few things and hopefully put your mind at rest.

Meet the team on line - You should have already been accessing the videos on the school website to get your child used to the face and voice of their classroom adults and we are hoping that you have been learning the rhymes too (<https://padnell-inf.hants.sch.uk/for-parents/new-year-r-parent-information>)

Starting School Story - You can now access a social story which will help you and your child know what will happen when they start school (<https://padnell-inf.hants.sch.uk/for-parents/transition-videos>). It is all a bit different this year but we are doing our best during these challenging times to support your transition.

Meet the team in person - You should have two allocated sessions where you can come into school with a handful of others to meet with the teacher and assistant for an hour. No uniform is required for these and please understand that we can only accept one accompanying adult at this time with each child.

Uniform - Remember that this needs to be ordered on scopay.com (using your unique one time passcode we emailed to set up an account), by 31st August. Orders will be ready to collect at your Stay and Play session during week commencing 7th September). Children will also require a book bag, a named pair of welly boots, a named PE kit and also a pair of waterproof trousers or old joggers to wear when visiting Joey's field.

Lunchtime - Your child is entitled to a free school dinner which we recommend you opt for. It will reduce items being brought in from home. However, if you wish to provide a packed lunch following our healthy school ethos (no sweets, fizzy drinks, nut based products etc.) you may do so. This preferably should be in a wipeable plastic lunch box and not a material lunch bag as it will be sprayed down on arriving at school.

Crafty Club - Please remember that this must now be paid for up front and sessions booked in advance via Scopay. The booking system will open on 2nd September. See <https://padnell-inf.hants.sch.uk/uploads/Newsletters/2020%20-%202021/Crafty%20Club%20new%20Booking%20system%20letter%2022nd%20July.pdf> for details.

Don't Worry- With so much being different this year...it is likely that we will have missed something or that you will have missed something we have already informed you of. We apologise in advance if we are not as slick and organised as we normally are. I am sure that in the circumstances, we can all work together and make allowances. The main thing is that your child is safe and happy.

Contacting School - Please use the school email (admin@padnell-inf.hants.sch.uk), for any questions etc. This will be manned full time from 2nd September. Alternatively, you can refer to our website (www.padnell-inf.hants.sch.uk), as copies of all previous communications can be found there (For Parents/Letters Sent Home or For Parents/Information for New Year R Parents).

In the meantime, stay safe and enjoy the final few days of the summer.

Yours sincerely,



Mrs Mandy Grayson
Headteacher

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Resilient learner
Original thinker
Wise worker