



Lytchett Matravers Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers

Tuesday 30th April 2021

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome you, your child and family to Lytchett Matravers Primary School. All the staff who work across our school, are very excited to meet you all!

Detailed in this letter are some of the ways in which we hope to make your child's transition to school as smooth, happy and successful as possible. On **Wednesday 26th May at 6pm**, we will be holding a virtual, 'Welcome Meeting' for all new parents. During this meeting, key members of our team who will work with you and your child during their first year in school, will give a brief presentation to introduce themselves, take you on a virtual tour of our EYFS (Early Years Foundation Stage) base and talk to you about the transition process ahead. We will share some of the ways in which you can prepare your child for school and do our best to answer any questions you may have. Although we are unable to hold this meeting face to face due to the pandemic, please rest assured that we will ensure you receive all the information you need, posting a Welcome Pack to your address at the end of May. The contents of this pack will be shared with you at the virtual meeting. More details to follow.

As well as the virtual 'Welcome Meeting', this year, we hope to host our usual transition sessions in school for the children towards the end of the school year. During these sessions the children join us in small groups to get to know the staff, classroom settings and meet other children that will be joining the school. We will contact you with more details following Government guidance, once we know we can hold these safely.

As well as meeting the children in our school setting, the EYFS team hope to be able to visit all children in their current pre-schools/childcare setting, spending time with Key Workers and getting to know your child in an environment familiar to them. These visits will take place during May, June and July. To ensure we have all necessary information and permissions to make this possible, a letter will be emailed to you via our school Parentmail (IRIS) App.

Although we remain positive that as the Government Roadmap unfolds we will be able to continue with the above transitions, we will first and foremost ensure that everyone remains safe and adhere to Government guidelines. Therefore, to enable us to contact you promptly to inform you of dates/times or changes relating to the transition process, please make sure that we hold an up to date email address for your family. **We will initially use the email address that you used during the school admissions process. If this has changed, please notify the school office by calling 01202 622378, or via email at office@lmpsdorset.co.uk as soon as possible. You should receive a notification to join the Parentmail (IRIS) app for our school via this email address. If you have any problems accessing it, please contact the school office so that we can support you with this process.**

From Wednesday 21st April, there will be an area on our school webpage, <https://www.lmpsdorset.org/> entitled 'New Starters 2021', which can be found under the 'Parent' tab. Please enjoy navigating this with your little ones, where you will find stories read by staff, photos of our team, school, classrooms and an introduction to us all. We will continue to add to this over the term so do keep checking in!

We are looking forward to meeting you and spending the next seven years working in partnership with you and your child. Please rest assured that we will do our very best to give your child a happy and successful experience at Lytchett Matravers Primary School. If you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact a member of our team via the school office, we are always happy to help.

Kindest regards,

Amy Foster

Assistant Headteacher & EYFS Leader

