



Dear parents/carers,

We are delighted that your child will be joining our Reception class in September. May I warmly welcome you and your child to our school family.

It has been a very unusual year and as the summer approaches we are still not sure whether we will be able to invite you and your child into school in person before the end of term. It's definitely an unusual and challenging time at the moment, and we know you and your child might be feeling worried about the transition into school this September. We want to reassure you that we're here for you every step of the way.

In order to follow the government's guidelines on safety and social distancing, we've had to adjust our arrangements for supporting this year's transition. We are hopeful (not certain) that the children may be able to attend the unit for a visit before the end of term. However, we hope the information we will post in this special area of our school website will help put your child (and you) at ease and get them feeling as excited as we are for the new school year.

We will use the website to post material that we would usually share at visits and parent meetings and will alert you using our text message system. **If you would like us to use a different mobile number for text messages, please email school or ring the school office.**

It is possible that we will instigate special starting arrangements in September this year, allowing your child some "settling into school" time, which they would normally have had during this summer term. (We did this in September 2020 and the children all settled very well into school, even though they had been unable to visit). To help with transition we will contact your child's Nursery setting to find out about your child and their individual strengths and achievements. One of the Reception teachers will also telephone you for a chat about your child if we are unable to meet in person. If you have any concerns please let us know by emailing school at : **[middlestonemoor@durhamlearning.net](mailto:middlestonemoor@durhamlearning.net)**

We will do our best to respond quickly.

We look forward to connecting with you over the next half term, as we prepare for the start of your child's learning journey with us.

Warm regards, Mrs Helen Wilson ( Head Teacher)

