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*"Children don't care how much you know, until they know how much you care."*

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Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

### **Starting school in September 2020**

You are probably now all too familiar with the phrase "new normal", so we are trying as hard as possible to make starting school as lovely and positive for you and your child as we possibly can. We are writing to you now to share our current plans to enable this to happen. However, as you will appreciate, our plans may have to change if we receive new guidance from the local authority or UK Government. Our aim is to keep everyone safe.

### **Welcome sessions on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2020**

You and your child(ren) are warmly invited to attend a one-hour welcome session on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> September. This will be an opportunity to meet Diamond and Pearl staff, and for the children to meet some of the other children in their class. Weather permitting, sessions will be outdoors and will involve activities for you to share with your child(ren).

Please note: sessions may need to be done in small groups ("bubbles") due to social distancing requirements. More information will follow closer to the date. For now, please keep Friday 4<sup>th</sup> September free in your diary. Thank you.

### **Communication**

On the homepage of the school website ([www.christchurchschoolfrome.org.uk](http://www.christchurchschoolfrome.org.uk)) you will find a link to a video which gives a virtual tour of the Diamond and Pearl area of the school and a "Hello!" from the class teachers. Between Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> and Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> September your child(ren)'s class teacher will give you a phone call to introduce themselves to you. Please take the opportunity to ask any questions you may have prior to starting school. Therefore, please make sure the office has your most up-to-date contact details. Thank you.

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## **Home visits**

This will be slightly different this year. We will give you a date/time when we can pop round to your home during the first two weeks of the Autumn Term and say “Hello” over the garden fence/through a window and have a chat about starting school!

## **IMPORTANT: Starting school dates**

- **Week commencing 7<sup>th</sup> September:**  
Reception children attend, mornings only
- **Week commencing 14<sup>th</sup> September:**  
Reception children attend, mornings only
- **Week commencing 21<sup>st</sup> September:**  
Reception children attend, mornings plus lunch (We start staying for lunch!)
- **Week commencing 28<sup>th</sup> September:**  
Reception children start full-time, whole day

We fully appreciate, more than ever this year, that starting school full-time may feel like a huge step.

We are really looking forward to working with you and your child(ren) and beginning their learning journey at Christ Church CofE First School.

We look forward to seeing you in September!

Yours faithfully,



Sarah-Jane L'Esteve  
Diamond Class Teacher



Tanya Robinson  
Pearl Class Teacher



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Headteacher