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Dear Year 2 Parents and Carers

I hope that you are all well and safe during these difficult times. Despite the uncertainty of exactly what school may look like and when we may all be back together on site, we are planning ahead for your child joining us in September and I would like to thank you for choosing our school for your child. We look forward to meeting you all when the time is right.

We are a very happy school where everyone works together to ensure that children are well cared for and supported in achieving their own personal bests. Our committed and hardworking team recognise that each child will have different experiences, strengths and challenges so we place the children's needs at the heart of what we do. We aim to provide a wide variety of learning opportunities so that children not only make good progress academically, but also socially and emotionally and we strive to make learning positive and memorable for them. You may like to look at our website for further details about us [www.stivesjunior.org.uk](http://www.stivesjunior.org.uk) as it captures all the latest learning and news.

In the current situation, the way in which we would welcome you and your child to the school and support their transition will be a little disrupted, but we will do everything that we can in order to ensure that their transition is as smooth as it can be and that they feel as confident and positive as possible ready for September.

We don't as yet have any clear direction from the Department for Education on when and how schools will reopen as this will depend on when it is deemed safe and sensible to do so. However the following dates have been set aside and I wanted to share them with you so that they can be pencilled in your diaries at this time.

If all is well and we are able to reopen, the Y2 children are invited to join us for the morning of Monday 6th and Tuesday 7th July. They will register at St Ives Infant School and then their teachers will bring them across to us, collecting them again in time for lunch. This gives them an opportunity to meet the teachers and other adults who will be learning with them, get to know their way around and feel settled in our environment. We very much hope that we are able to offer these days of activities, but will confirm this with you nearer the time when the picture is a little clearer. We also hope to be able to provide at least some of the other activities that we normally offer to help your child feel settled and happy.

If we are not able to hold our transition days, we will put in place other activities to support the process in the best ways we can.

There will once again be two Year 3 classes next year. We liaise closely with the Infant School every year to ensure we get the best possible balance within each class, bearing in mind social and learning needs, gender and any other factors

brought to our attention. I am always extremely grateful to our infant colleagues with this process as their knowledge of your children is invaluable.

Later in the term you will receive a pack of information which will include a number of forms that will need to be completed and returned to the school. It is really important so that we are well-prepared and able to support you and your child that these forms are returned to us before the end of the summer term. Details of what is needed will be included within the packs.

Again, situation permitting, there will be a short welcome meeting at 6.00 pm in our school hall on Monday 29th June, so that we can share with you a flavour of our school and how we can work together to make your child's experience as successful as possible. There will be the opportunity for you to view our school and its facilities, as well as for you to find out which class your child will be in.

We usually have a number of key staff present during the evening, including the Year 3 class teachers, Mrs Watts - our Deputy Headteacher, Ms Wilson - our SENDCO, other senior members of staff, Eric Nicholas – Chair of the Governing body and Mrs Prescott, our school secretary and Administration Officer, as she is always your first port of call on the phone or when you visit us in reception.


This meeting will also be confirmed with you nearer the time once we know what the position is with schools re-opening more fully and safe guidelines at the time.

In the meantime if you have any immediate questions about your child's transition, please do not hesitate to contact either us, using the email [secretary@stivesjunior.org.uk](mailto:secretary@stivesjunior.org.uk), or St Ives Infant School.

I look forward to meeting you.

Take care and stay safe

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Ruth Davey', with a horizontal line drawn underneath it.

Ruth Davey  
Head Teacher