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Dear Reception Parents & Carers

## ARRANGEMENTS AFTER EASTER

At the start of the summer term we encourage the children to become more independent in preparation for their transition to Year 1. To this end we always start off the new term by getting the children to line up outside the classroom and say goodbye to parents before entering the classroom. ***This will begin immediately after the Easter break on Tuesday 13th April.***

Fortunately this coincides with the commencement of building work for the new extension. As I explained at the meeting last summer we will have to amend our arrangements for the summer term as the usual entrance to the Reception classrooms will not be accessible.

***Throughout the summer term the children in both Reception classes will need to enter and exit school at the beginning and end of the day via the library door onto the main playground.*** The children are already practising where to line up, but it does mean that parents will not be able to come down to the classroom at the beginning or end of the day.

We will do our best to ensure that the children have everything they need at the end of the day as it will be difficult to return to cloakrooms for forgotten items. If you need to inform staff of anything at the start of the day, please make use of the home-link book as these are checked on a daily basis, alternatively you can leave a message at the school office.

At the end of the school day, Reception staff will walk down to the library with all of the children and see them out via the library door - please make sure you are standing in a visible place on the main playground so your child can walk to you safely. This may take a little longer than usual as children will need to be seen out individually.

The children who attend after-school club will be collected as normal by after school club staff

After the holidays the children will also be benefiting from additional equipment in the unit. After discussion with Miss Chapman and Miss Wells it has been decided that an additional Interactive

Whiteboard will be provided where the children who register with Miss Wells sit each morning. This way there will be even greater opportunities for the children in Reception to develop their computer skills.

Finally, a number of parents have been asking about arrangements for September. As I suggested at last summer's meeting the intention is to keep 2 small classes for Year 1 and not to mix them with other year groups. Therefore the children will be lucky enough to be taught in a class of 22 or 23 for another year.

A new teacher has been appointed for September in preparation for the expansion and hopefully the children will get to meet her during the summer term. Although no final decisions have been made it is unlikely that the current Reception classes will be divided but should transfer to Year 1 in the classes that have already been established.

Kind regards

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