



Thursday 16th July 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

We hope that you are all looking forward to starting Reception/ Nursery on **Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September** at your allotted times (see Welcome to the Family Page on our school website). We appreciate that you may be finding this time worrying as you look ahead in preparation to sending your little ones into school. We understand that many of the children may not have left your sides since March. As I am sure you are aware normally we would have invited parents and children into school prior to starting to become familiar with surroundings and their teachers. Unfortunately this year this has not been possible but we want to reassure you that every next step has been carefully planned with your child's wellbeing at the forefront of our mind.

We have taken the decision in alignment with Government guidelines that all children will come into school **everyday** from September. As mentioned previously we know that some children may find this difficult and we will work with parents to create a personalised plan for children who are finding the transition exceptionally challenging. We ask that you begin preparing your child for the changes ahead of September, especially around collection and drop offs as they will need to be handled very carefully. You can help to prepare your child through resources on our web page 'Welcome to the Family' and through small world play to help them to make sense of what is going to happen.

Please rest assured that every decision we make at Knypersley First School is made within the best interests of the children's wellbeing and education. We thank you again for choosing Knypersley First School to begin your children's educational journey. All staff are very much looking forward to meeting each and every one of you in September. Although we know that the first week may bring a few tears we ask that you trust in our staff and our experience and know that we will support both your children and yourselves during this time.

If you have any further questions please feel free to email [EYFSLead@knypersley.staffs.sch.uk](mailto:EYFSLead@knypersley.staffs.sch.uk)

Many thanks,

Miss Leese and the EYFS team