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Monday 13th July

Dear Parents/Carers

I hope this email finds you all still safe and well, enjoying the sunshine when it arrives.

Just a quick follow up to provide you with further information about the arrangements we have put in place for September for our new Reception children.

As you know we have made the decision to start slowly, so our Early Years team can get to know your children well before they all arrive as a class. Under ordinary circumstances your children would have been invited to stay and play events, got to know the classroom and the resources available to them and met the staff team. Miss Channon would have visited them all in their nursery settings too. But unfortunately, this year none of these transition events could take place.

Miss Channon has spoken with all of our feeder nurseries now and is beginning to build up a picture of all the children in the class, but none of this can replace actually meeting them face to face. So, the first 2 weeks of the autumn term are focussing on the transition work that has been missed, an opportunity for the children to come to school in small groups to enjoy quality time playing in the Reception area and get to know the routines and people in school that are here to help them.

Miss Channon has split the class into 3 groups – named Foxes, Hedgehogs and Moles - and they will be welcomed on two consecutive days and one further day over the two-week period starting Monday 7th September. See timetable below:

Date	Group
Monday 7 th Sept	Fox
Tuesday 8 th Sept	Fox
Wednesday 9 th Sept	Hedgehog
Thursday 10 th sept	Hedgehog
Friday 11 th Sept	Mole
Monday 14 th Sept	Mole
Tuesday 15 th Sept	Fox
Wednesday 16 th Sept	Hedgehog
Thursday 17 th Sept	Mole
Friday 18 th Sep	Staff team prep and plan day
Monday 21 st Sept	All children welcome

Your child is in the **Hedgehog** group – highlighted above

Please help us by only bringing your child in on the correct day.

The school drop off time for Reception children is between 9.05 and 9.15am.

Pick up is between 3.05 & 3.15pm.

I know that Miss Channon has been communicating directly with families via both email and Seesaw and has been delighted to hear from some of you already. I will be sending out our new school risk assessment, our plan and a coming back to school sheet, explaining in more detail our reopening to all year groups in September by the end of this week. Don't forget that all the information shared so far is available on the school website – follow the link:

<https://www.midhurst-primary-school.co.uk/parents/reception-class-2020/>

By all means don't hesitate to contact either Miss Channon or myself at any time if you have any concerns or worries about the start of school for your child – we will be more than happy to help.

Miss Channon can be contacted on: reception@midhurstprimary.co.uk

Mrs Clarke can be contacted via the office email: office@midhurstprimary.co.uk

We are looking forward to welcoming your children to Midhurst Primary in September, getting to know them and you all as their journey begins! It's all VERY exciting!

Until then stay safe, keep well and enjoy the summer break.

Yours sincerely

Sally Clarke

Headteacher