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Dear Parents and Carers of new reception children 2020,

Welcome to St. George's School! We are delighted to have been informed by the Local Authority that your child has been offered a place at our school from September 2020! We will very much look forward to welcoming you all as soon as possible.

Normally, at this stage, we would be inviting you to an information meeting to meet you all, provide you with information you will need about your child's first year at school and discuss induction plans. However, this year we are unable to do this because of the Coronavirus pandemic. Our induction process also normally includes visits to see your child at their current preschool or nursery setting and play sessions for your children to come and spend time in school. At present, we are not sure about whether we will be able to carry out these activities this year either.

I understand that this may well be concerning for you, as starting school is such a significant milestone in your child's life. However, please do not worry. Over the coming weeks we will be planning alternative induction activities for you and your child to engage in. It may be that these need to be carried out remotely but we will do our best to put your mind at ease and to help your child to feel excited about the prospect of starting at St. George's School in September. We plan for activities to include:

- A virtual meeting where we are able to introduce ourselves and present information as we would do at the usual parents meeting
- A virtual school tour
- A video call with your child and their new headteacher and teacher
- Activities to complete with your child and send back to their new teacher
- A forum for you to be able to ask questions and get to know each other as a group of parents and children prior to starting school.

We do not know if all this will be possible yet. However, we will do our best to ensure that your child's transition to school is as smooth and happy as possible. As soon as I have more details about the above activities, I will write to you again and please keep looking at the school website for updates. In the meantime, stay safe. We really look forward to meeting you and your child very soon. Finally, please remember to accept your school place on the Wiltshire Council website. Thank you!

Emma Groom - Head of School Candida Hutchinson – Principal (from Sept 2020)