



St Nicolas and St Mary Church of England Voluntary Aided Primary School

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Dear Parents & Carers

Welcome

We are delighted that you have now been offered a place at our school for September 2021. We look forward to meeting those parents who will be “new” to the school and working with all of you over the coming months and years. Due to these extraordinary times we have needed to adapt our transition journey whilst ensuring that we provide the best possible introduction for each child. Our priority is to ensure the children feel happy and safe when starting with us in September.

You should have recently received an email from West Sussex School Admissions, on behalf of our Governing Body, offering a place for your child at St Nicolas and St Mary C.E. Primary School.

Further Information

We will send you further information about our induction arrangements shortly. This will include:

- Staffing arrangements
- Liaising with your child’s pre-school setting (if relevant)
- Parents’ Information
- Opportunity to meet the Early Years team and other parents
- Starting school

Acceptance Form

Please can you sign and return the enclosed Acceptance Form for Admission together with the Pupil Information Form and Free School Meals and Pupil Premium Forms (the school needs to receive this form even if you think you are not eligible) to the school office by **Friday 28th May 2021**.

Spaces – Reception and Nursery

For the first time in decades, we have a few Reception places for September 2021. Pupil numbers across Brighton & Hove and Shoreham are lower this year - possibly because of Brexit and COVID affecting both international and local migration. We also just happen to have less sibling and numbers in our nursery have also been lower this year because of COVID. So, if you know of families moving to the area, don't assume we are full, encourage them to ring the school!

Now that your child has been offered a place at St Nicolas and St Mary CE Primary School, you may like to consider applying for a place at our nursery, Little Fishes, for any younger children that you may have. We are now accepting children from aged 2, from the term in which they turn 3 years of age. For further information please look at our website. If you would like a place for September 2021 or January 2022 you are advised to contact the school office as soon as possible as places are filling up.

We very much look forward to meeting you if we have not already done so, at the beginning of the next stage of your child’s journey.

Kind regards

Mr A. Lincoln and the Early Years Team