

Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome to Isambard Kingdom Brunel Primary School

We're delighted to welcome you and your child/ren to IKB as part of our new Reception cohort. My name is Richard Healey and I am the Headteacher at IKB. Miss Fahy is part of our senior leadership team and will be your child's Reception teacher. We will shortly be recruiting a Teaching Assistant to support the class. Mrs Hawkins is our Business Manager and also part of our senior leadership team. You will be seeing plenty of her at our front office and around the school.



Headteacher – Mr Healey



Reception Class Teacher – Miss Fahy

This is definitely an unusual and challenging time and we appreciate that you and your child may be feeling anxious about the transition into Reception this September. However, we really want to reassure you that we are here for you every step of the way. Additionally, we are aware that your child will have missed out on some time in their early year's settings, where they would have continued to develop their social and emotional skills through play – but rest assured that we will work hard to support this, once your child starts in school full-time.

Please find a checklist of activities that you could complete at home on our website (<https://www.ikbschool.co.uk>) under 'Parents' and the subheading 'New Starters September 2020'. These activities will help to make sure your child is as ready as possible to begin in September with confidence.

I can assure you that we are not expecting you to become Reception teachers at home and we truly understand that not everyone will find time to complete the suggested activities – that's fine. Just try to fit any into your daily routines when and where you can.

In order to follow government guidance on social distancing we have had to adjust some of our transition activities and we may need to further in future. We will keep you all up-to-date with

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transition and we hope the activities that we have planned will help to put your child (and yourselves) at ease and get them feeling as excited as we are, for the new school year.

The transition arrangements that we are putting in place will include:

- Bedtime story online transition evening on 18th June 2020 to meet Mr Healey, Miss Fahy and Mrs Hawkins
- Telephone contact with Miss Fahy and Mr Healey during both June and July
- A designated page on the IKB website under the 'Parent' tab – 'New Starters September 2020' with recommended transition support activities available.
- Facebook videos, activities and challenges to engage with
- Contact with your current early years setting to ensure an informed handover of information
- Home visit week during the week of 7th September 2020
- Part-time attendance week during the week of 14th September 2020
- Full-time attendance week during the week of 21st September 2020

If you have any concerns or questions about your child's transition, please let us know by contacting Mr Healey using the school email address: ikb@castle.somerset.sch.uk

We cannot yet say exactly what September will look like, but please know that we will keep you updated throughout between now and then. In the meantime, please visit our IKB website and follow our Facebook page – 'Isambard Kingdom Brunel Primary School' and our Facebook group 'IKB – Reception Class September 2020' to keep up-to-date with everything going on. You might even find some stories and activities to entertain and further assist transition for your children!

We are all looking forward to meeting you personally and connecting with you all the way through until September as we prepare for the beginning of your child's incredible learning journey at IKB.

Warm regards,

Mr Healey
Headteacher

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