

Dear Parents,

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2020

Well, what can I say? All of the team at Two Rivers have been so impressed with how all of the children have come into school for the morning and afternoon sessions. They have all settled into school brilliantly and are adapting to the new routines in the classroom and getting to know the adults they will be learning with. We are getting to know each and every child in the class and have noticed how well they are starting to make new friends.

Thank you so much for all of your support and friendly faces in the playground each day. Although we are in strange times, we feel that everyone has adapted so well. We do still have to adhere to social distancing guidelines so please follow this on and around the site of two Rivers. We may come outside to talk to you and as awkward and unnatural as it feels, please do not be offended as we will have adhere to social distancing.

I thought that it would be helpful for you if I outline some useful information to help us on our journey to full time.

### **Fruit/Snack/drinks bottle**

The government provide a free piece of fruit daily for all children in reception and key stage one. Currently, the children are having this during their morning or afternoon session so do not need to bring a piece of fruit from home. When children are full time, from 21<sup>st</sup> September, they will need to bring in a **piece of fruit** for a morning snack and the free fruit will be given in the afternoon. Children are entitled to free school milk up until their fifth birthday when it then needs to be paid for. You will receive a letter when your child is approaching their birthday so that you can start paying for milk.

Children need to bring a drinks bottle to school each day already filled with just water. These can be refilled during the day. Please ensure that it is named.

### **Reading Wallets**

Children will need to bring their reading wallets to school each day so that they can bring home books and any pictures they have created in school. This is also where we will put letters unless they are emailed to you. Please discourage your child from attaching key rings to their reading wallets as they can often be an obstruction if bags are in children's classroom drawer. Please keep drinks bottles out of these wallets as they have a tendency to leak.

### **Tapestry Journal**

We have set up individual journals for each child in the class. This is an online journal where photographs of children learning and play is evidenced against the Foundation Curriculum objectives. We use a document called "Development matters" which enables us to track children's progress towards the end of year goals, called the "Early Learning goals"

We really hope that the online journal is a way for you as parents and us as teachers to record children's learning both at home and at school. You will be able to add observations and make comments on the observations we have made in school and we hope that this will give us a deeper

understanding of each child as we learn about their interests and achievements out of school and in turn, you learn about their interests and achievements *in* school.

Over the next couple of weeks, we will send out an activation email from tapestry which will enable you to activate your account. When you have done this you will be able to start viewing your child's journal and adding comments/observations from home. We will let you know once the emails have been sent. Please ensure that consent forms have been returned to the office as these consent include Tapestry consent and we will not be able to proceed until we have all consent returned. If you need further consent forms, please speak to Mrs Batchelor, Two Rivers administrator

From next week, we will start teaching phonics and we will send home reading book for children to enjoy sharing at home with you. Information about reading will follow in a separate letter next week.

I hope that this provides a bit more of an insight into how we are operating at Two Rivers. Please ask if you need any support or clarification.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend. I believe the weather is going to be nice so I will certainly be getting outside with my family and enjoying some time together.

I look forward to seeing all of the children and families next week.

Kind regards,



Mrs Carver – Head of School