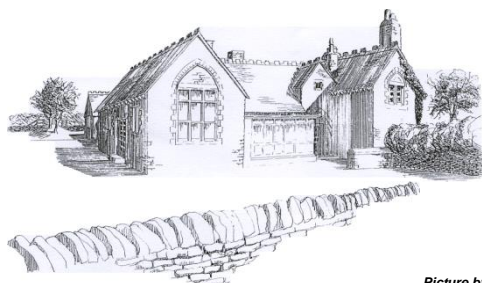


# Clanfield Church of England Primary School



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Dear Parents,

We are delighted to welcome you and your child to Clanfield Church of England School as part of our new Reception Class! Thank you for choosing Clanfield Church of England School for your child to take their next step towards independence. We are a thriving school community and welcome you and your family with open arms.

Miss Williams will be your child's Teacher and Miss Hill is the class Teaching Assistant.

Starting school is a very exciting time for all involved but can also cause some anxiety. At Clanfield Church of England School, we are committed to smooth and timely transitions that allow each child to settle in, get to know their teachers and make new friends. We believe parents and carers play a key role in this transition so you too can feel reassured that your children are safe and happy. We can only imagine that during this time of uncertainty, the natural worries and anxieties that occur when children are about to start school are exacerbated. As we do not know Oxfordshire County Council's plan for Term 6, it is difficult for us to publish details of our usual transition programme however, please let us reassure you that we will be thinking of ways that we can prepare your child and give them the best possible start to school and will be touch again in due course.

It is definitely an unusual and challenging time at the moment, and we know you and your child might be feeling worried about the transition into our Reception Class this September. We want to reassure you that we are here for you every step of the way.

We would like to visit your home however, this year a phone call may be sufficient. We will also talk to any nursery and pre-school settings, to find out where your child is in their learning and emotional wellbeing. We would like to talk to you directly to find out about your child's preference; things they particularly enjoy, find difficult etc, and hope to be able to do this within the context of stay and play visits to school in the summer term. If this is not possible, due to the current situation, we will think creatively to ensure that we receive all of the information that we need about your child.



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We hope that all new pupils will be able to attend a storytime, stay and play, morning and afternoon sessions in class as well as a welcome meeting with the Headteacher but we will be in contact in due course.

In the meantime, please take a look at our school website, using the transition tab to see a virtual tour of the Early Years Foundation Stage classroom voiced by our Headteacher, Mrs Rogers. You will also hear a presentation voiced by Miss Williams, the class teacher.

Please also find attached a few forms which we would like you to return by 11th June so that we can get ahead with all our paperwork.

If you have any concerns or questions about your child's transition please let us know by emailing the School Office on [office.3100@clanfield.oxon.sch.uk](mailto:office.3100@clanfield.oxon.sch.uk) and a member of the Senior Leadership Team will be very happy to discuss any questions you have further.

We look forward to connecting with you over the next term, as we prepare for the start of your child's learning journey with us.

Warm regards,

Mrs Rogers, and the Clanfield team

## Useful resources to help you support your child's transition to school

- Starting Primary School - The BBC have put together some articles, videos and resources to support you and your child with starting primary school. - <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/collections/starting-primary-school/1>
- Tiny Happy People - Activities and rhymes to support child development from birth to five - <https://www.bbc.co.uk/tiny-happy-people/activities/zjh8hbk>
- Hungry Little Minds - Ideas for activities to support children from birth to five - <https://hungrylittleminds.campaign.gov.uk/>