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Dear Parents, Carers and Children

The year is fast drawing to a close and all the wonderful transition events your child would be experiencing at this time of year organised by York Road Nursery as well as your new schools will sadly not be able to happen in the usual way.

Nursery is very passionate about ensuring smooth transitions for all the children, it is extremely important to us but we are very limited on what we can offer at this time, therefore we are sending you a 'Getting Ready For School' and 'I Am Starting School' leaflet along with a book list to support transitions.

We have also asked all Reception Classes to let us know what they have planned and below are some of the ways in which the schools will be supporting transitions this year:

- Videos from the staff to introduce themselves along with video tours of the class and school.
- Parents to receive information via email about school uniform and preparation for school.
- Induction visits to take place in September.
- Individual meetings with parents and their child instead of home visits. (Parents will book these online selecting a time slot).
- An all about me book sent to the family to complete with their child.
- 'Welcome to your new school' booklet on Herts Grid for Learning website, showing photos of the classroom, teacher, other staff, dining room etc.
- Head's and Reception Teacher's power point presentation giving parents information about the school to be emailed out.
- Parent info session (usually carried out at school), available online.
- Virtual home visits.
- Virtual tour of school available online.
- Stories read by class teachers online.

- Information packs sent out to all new families via the post, containing all the information that parents would have received during transition day, including a social story for children to have, which should familiarise them with their new classroom and school setting.

Some schools will put information on their school website or may have Facebook pages with parent groups that you can access.

Your children are all amazing and resilient and will take everything in their stride and for those who are a little shy it really will not take long at all before they are settled and flying at their new schools.

Finally, a reminder to look out for information on Tapestry about 'Final Farewell' zoom meetings for your child's original key group, an opportunity for your child to see their friends and Teachers, to have a chat and say "goodbye". Your child's Key Teacher will send you the Meeting ID and password soon.

Very best wishes from all the staff at York Road Nursery School.