



Harriers Banbury Academy

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Dear Parents/Carers

I would like to once again welcome you to Harriers prior to your child's start at our school next week. I am really sorry that we have not been able to give you our usual induction into the school but I hope you have found all of our communication useful and you have all of the information you need. I know those of you that are completely new to the school may still have last minute questions so please do not hesitate to get in touch if you do. You can directly contact Mr Sherington (jsherington@harriers-aspirations.org) or myself (alexpearson@aspirationsacademies.org) if you require an urgent response, alternatively our office will be manned from Tuesday 1st September for enquires over the phone.

Waving goodbye to your child on their first day of school is a momentous, happy yet worrying time for all parents. These feelings are naturally amplified this year as we find ourselves in extraordinary circumstances. I want to try and reassure you all that we have taken every possible measure, within government guidance, to ensure your child will be as safe as possible when they come to school. It is also extremely important that your child has as normal an experience as possible as they start school and we have ensured the measures that we have in place will not detract from this. I am in the same boat as you all this year as my middle son will be joining Reception in our local school, and I know how important it is for him to start school and that my biggest priority is that he is safe and happy. We want the same thing for all our pupils at Harriers.

I know Mr Sherington has sent you some specific information for Early Years. I would also like to direct you to the announcements section on our website, via this link <https://www.harriers-aspirations.org/news-dates/announcements/announcements/>, where you can access all the letters that have been sent regarding reopening. You may also wish to read the government's guidance for parents and carers, available here <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/what-parents-and-carers-need-to-know-about-early-years-providers-schools-and-colleges-during-the-coronavirus-covid-19-outbreak>, which I can confirm we fully adhere to.

As we have not conducted our usual induction events I have missed the opportunity to meet many of you face to face. Our Vice Principal, Mrs Agate, and myself will be around at the start and end of every day so we will soon hopefully meet you all.

I wish your child happy and successful first steps on their journey at Harriers and we can't wait to get started next week!

Yours faithfully,

Alex Pearson
Executive Principal