

Stanford School



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Dear Parents/Carers of our prospective Year 1 children,

We are very aware that you may well be a little concerned or worried about your children moving into Year 1, having missed the Summer Term in Foundation Stage. The first year in Primary school is so very important as it sets the foundations on which to build the rest of a pupil's educational journey. At Stanford we want your children to continue to build this strong foundation before moving forward with the next stage in their development. It is with this in mind that we are grouping the children slightly differently this year.

Both the Year 1 children and the new starters will have direct access to the excellent provision that is in our current foundation class area. The space will be shared between two mixed classes of Year 1 and Foundation Stage children. Each class will have a teacher who is extremely experienced in both stages of learning and will be led by an equally experienced team. Both classes, to be known as 'Seedlings' and 'Sunflower', are made up of an equal group of Year 1 and Foundation Stage children, with an equal split in relation to age and gender within this.

The curriculum taught will broadly follow the same theme and each teacher will be able to meet the needs of each child appropriately. Phonics and reading will be taught in small groups within these classes and the pupils will have continuous access to high quality enhanced provision; including use of the outside learning environment.

After such a long period of isolation during the COVID 19 outbreak, we will be putting the children's emotional and social wellbeing at the forefront of our provision and so pastoral support will be available to the children through group work with learning mentors and Teaching Assistants within the space.

The teaching team are very excited to welcome the children back to school and share our newly decorated and furnished space with you. You will shortly be sent a text with details of your child's allocated Class and their new teacher will be in touch by phone to discuss any questions you may have.

In the meantime I hope you have a super Summer break and look forward to seeing you all next term.

Yours sincerely,

L. J Hackfath
Headteacher