



Heatherside Junior School

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Dear Parents

Heatherside Junior School - Prospective Parents' Information for 2021 Admissions

Although the children have only just returned to Year 2, I know that parents will soon be thinking ahead to Junior schools for September next year. Unfortunately, due to the current National guidance and advice from Hampshire County Council, we are not able to offer tours of our school this term or to invite you to join me for the evening presentation. We are obviously really disappointed about this as we really enjoy showing people around our happy and successful school.

We know that the move to Year 3 can be a big step, especially at this slightly uncertain time and so we are busy planning ways in which we can share all the things we are so proud of at Heatherside with you. This will include a video presentation from me as well as a virtual tour of the school, which our (soon to be elected) House Captains will be helping me to create just before Half Term. Our Year 6s usually lead tours of the school and so I am really keen to involve them this year so that prospective parents have the opportunity to see our school through their eyes.

Both the presentation and the virtual tour will be shared on our website; my presentation will be available from next Wednesday and the tour just before Half Term. My welcome and presentation will cover the following aspects:

- Our aims, values and ethos
- How we support children's learning, wellbeing and behaviour
- Our curriculum and the wider events, trips and opportunities that we are proud to offer (when we are not limited by restrictions as we currently are)
- Partnerships with parents
- Standards, progress and how we support children with additional needs
- Day to day matters, such as start times and lunch arrangements
- Admissions and transition from Year 2
- How we keep children safe, not just during this period but at all times
- Ways to contact us if you have any particular questions about how we might be able to meet your child's specific needs or circumstances.

If you have any specific questions that you would like me to answer as part of my presentation (that you don't feel would be covered by the above) please give us a quick call on 01252 617928 or send an email to adminoffice@heatherside-jun.hants.sch.uk by Friday 2nd October so that these can be included. There will also be an opportunity to raise any further questions after the presentation, which we will share as FAQs.

I look forward to welcoming you to our school, albeit virtually.

Yours sincerely

Mrs. H. Dunn
Headteacher

