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Dear Parents / Carers,

I wanted to write to you introduce our team and let you know what provision we have planned to put in place for your child in September.

The transition from reception into year 1 is always something that is carefully considered and this year, due to the circumstances, we have been unable to carry out the activities that we would normally do within school.

I wanted to reassure you that careful consideration has been taken about how to set up our classrooms ready for September, taking into account the government guidance and also the fact that your child was only able to complete just over half of their reception year.

We have liaised with the reception team to try and mirror, as far as possible, the layout and some of the routines that children were familiar with. Although we don't have the same outdoor provision as the EYFS classroom, we have carefully timetabled the day to ensure that children are provided with outdoor play where possible and are making use of different areas of the school to ensure that children are given as much access as possible to a range of continuous provision activities.

All children are individuals, as are their learning needs. We will not be racing into the year 1 curriculum, but will be taking time to ensure we are providing purposeful learning environments, indoors and outdoors, to promote speech and language, fine and gross motor skills and independence in the children. We will continue to deliver a Maths and English focus each day, as the children were used to in reception, but we will be carefully assessing each child's individual needs. Where children require more support in an area of learning, this will be provided. Where children are ready for more, they will not be held back.

Your child's happiness is our main priority, as happy children make good progress, regardless of where their starting point is.

We hope that this letter, along with the letter to your child, helps to alleviate any concerns you may have had about your child's move up into year 1. However, if you would like to discuss anything further, your child's new class teacher will be available to speak to on Monday 13th or Tuesday 14th July, during school hours. If you would like a telephone call from your child's class teacher, please contact the team via email oxcloseyear1@durhamlearning.net with the telephone number you would like to be contacted on and the best time to contact you.

We wish you all a lovely summer break and look forward to welcoming your child back in September.

Yours sincerely

J. Phillips

Mrs Phillips (KS1 Leader)