

1st July 2020

Dear parents/carers,

Starting at Canonbury 2020

We are delighted to welcome you and your child to Canonbury!

At Canonbury, our aim is to form a partnership with parents and carers to help your child thrive in a happy and secure atmosphere of play and discovery. We aim to provide a stimulating environment that supports the children to become active learners throughout school and beyond.

It is definitely an unusual and challenging time at the moment and we know you might be feeling worried about the transition this September. We want to reassure you that we are here for you every step of the way.

In order to follow the government's guidelines on social distancing, we have had to adjust our arrangements for supporting this year's transition. Unfortunately, home visits and the 'stay and play' session will not be possible. However, we hope the remote activities that we have planned will help put your child (and you!) at ease and get them feeling as excited as we are for the new school year.

Welcome to Canonbury EYFS video

We have put together a short video of our school for you:



[Welcome to EYFS Video](#)

Welcome Pack

Please find attached:

- Admissions form
- Sample menu and packed lunch leaflet
- School uniform
- Advice on preparing your child for school
- A list of books you can read to prepare for starting school
- Tapestry online learning journal agreement

All the documents in your welcome pack are also available on the website, along with the above video:

<https://canonburyprimaryschool.co.uk/learning/year-groups/early-years/>

Phone Call from the School

A member of our team will make contact with you before the end of the summer term to answer any questions you may have at this stage.

Online Learning Journal

tapestryjournal.com



We use an online learning journal called Tapestry to record your child's progress throughout his/her time in the Early Years Foundation Stage. Once your child starts school, you will be able to log in and see observations of your child's learning, including videos, photos, comments and assessments. Since we will not be able to meet before your child starts, we want to set you up on Tapestry immediately in order to communicate between home and school.

Please take the time to fill in the '**About Me**' page on Tapestry to enable us to get to know your child. We would be grateful if you could do this by **10th July 2020**. We would normally gather this information at the home visit and it is an important form that helps us to prepare for your child.

Once your child starts, you will also be able to upload photos and videos from home, allowing us to create a rounded picture of your child's progress.

If you have any concerns or questions about your child's transition, please call or email Sara Liney, Assistant Head for Early Years: admin@canonbury.islington.sch.uk

We cannot say yet if school will be back to normal in September, but rest assured that we will contact you as soon as we know, following government guidance.

What do do now

- 1. Return forms to school by 10th july:**
 - Admissions form
 - Tapestry agreement
- 2. Join Tapestry**
 - Activate your account
 - Fill out the About Me section
- 3. Visit the website to look at the Canonbury video with your child**

We will let you know who your child's teacher will be and their proposed start date in September, by Friday 17th July.

We look forward to communicating with you over the next term as we prepare for the start of your child's learning journey with us.

Warm regards,



Patrick Mildren
Head Teacher



Sara Liney
Assistant Head and Early Years Leader