



Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> September 2021

Dear Reception Parents,

We have had a wonderful week in Reception getting to know your children. They have settled into school very well and we hope they are enjoying their first week of big school.

We have some important information that we need to share with you so please read this letter carefully.

### Collection Arrangements

Collection points at the end of the day have been successful and therefore we have reviewed our original plan. We would like to continue using the **current pick-up system**. This avoids congestion in the main playground and also allows teaching staff to speak to parents when necessary. Please see the table below for updated collection arrangements moving forward.

<b>Kalahari Class</b>	Pick up <b>3.10pm</b> from the <u>single gate</u> on Highworth Road which is closest to the reception building.
<b>Sahara Class</b>	Pick up <b>3.10pm</b> from the <u>double gates</u> on Highworth Road which is closest to the reception building.

There will always be a member of staff there to greet you. If you have any questions, please ask the Reception Team.

### Online Learning Journal

This year, we will be using an online assessment tool called [Tapestry](#) to share your child's development over the course of the year. The Early Years Team at Bowes will upload pictures and videos of your child's learning for you to view at home via Tapestry. We in turn would like parents to share any images or videos of your child's experiences for us to see at school. The communication between school and parents that Tapestry enables, helps build a shared understanding of how every child can reach their full potential.

Earlier today, you should have received an email from Tapestry requesting you to activate your account. The email will ask you to set up a password of your choice to activate your account. **Please note that the email may have been received in your 'spam' or 'Junk' folder.** The username for your Tapestry account is the email address you provided the school under 'Contact 1'. [Please click this link](#) to view an online tutorial on how to set up your Tapestry account.

Once you have set up your account, you can log in [via this link](#). The Tapestry online learning journal is also available as an easy-to-use, secure app, which is accessible on all smart phones. Just search 'Tapestry' in your app store.

If you have any problems activating your account, please contact the school office or ask your child's class teacher.

Thank you for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

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**Headteacher**