



Upton Heath Church of England Primary  
School



**Headteacher: Mr Conrad North**

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Dear parent/carer

I am writing today with further information about your child starting at Upton Heath Church of England Primary School. We are delighted that you are joining the Upton Heath family.

By this point in the year, would usually have had the opportunity to hold a Branching Out forest school session for our new families in our mini woods. We would also have provided details of sessions for parents to ask questions and children to visit school.

This year, of course, things are rather different as schools all around the country prepare and plan to open schools to more pupils from June 1<sup>st</sup>. Our priority, as always, is the safety and wellbeing of our children and staff. We are also mindful of what a wonderful and momentous occasion starting school is, and our team have been working on resources to help you and your child prepare for starting school in the absence of our usual in-school sessions.

We have attached an Upton Heath starting school guide, which has tips and advice for starting school, an outline of the EYFS curriculum, and details of how we teach reading, writing and numeracy at Upton Heath. These are the types of topics we would normally cover in a session for parents.

One of the ways you can help to prepare your child for school is to talk about starting at Upton Heath; who will be there, what your child will do in a usual school day and the routines of school like playtime and so on. With this in mind, we have [created a video](#) for our new starters which introduces some of the team in EYFS, and provides a little tour of some of the areas where your child will spend their time. Whether you are brand new to Upton Heath, or have visited us before on an open day or with older children at school, we hope that the video is a useful tool to help prepare your child for school in these unusual times.

The next step is to provide you with a free Upton Heath book bag which contains lots of important forms for you to complete. We are hoping that this will be available to collect from our school office from mid-June (we will email you when they are ready), and we would appreciate the completed forms being returned to school before the end of term, 17<sup>th</sup> July so that we can prepare for September. By this time, we also hope to provide details of the transition process for your child in line with the Prime Minister's conditional lockdown exit plan and guidance from the Department for Education.



Upton Heath has been open throughout lockdown, providing childcare to key worker families. The building work on the outside areas for our new school has also been progressing at a rapid pace. The old school has now been removed, and by the 15<sup>th</sup> June, our entrance on Upton Lane should be available for you to come to reception to pick up your child's book bag, using the walkway that leads directly from Upton Lane to our main entrance within our new school building.

If you need to purchase school uniform, our supplier is Uniformity in Handbridge. Due to the restrictions that have been in place in the UK over recent times, and potential delays with orders, it would be advisable to place your order with Uniformity before August. Please see [the uniform page on our website](#) for details of our uniform.

Please also take a look at our full school prospectus, which provides lots of information about our school, clubs and activities, Branching Out forest school and more, which is available from our home page <https://www.uptonheath.cheshire.sch.uk/>.

A strong partnership between school and parents/carers is our aim at Upton Heath. We have weekly newsletters from school (which the children are currently writing themselves) that are emailed out to parents and posted onto our website each week:  
<https://www.uptonheath.cheshire.sch.uk/parents-newsletters/>.

You may also like to join our online school community on Twitter <https://twitter.com/UptonHeathCE> and Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/UHPrimarySchool/>

We appreciate that these are very uncertain times. Please be assured that our experienced team at Upton Heath are working hard on plans and preparations for your child to start school with us, with their safety and wellbeing utmost in our minds. We hope that the new starter information and video are of use to you at this time, and look forward to providing further detail on the transition process as soon as possible.

Please do not hesitate to get in touch if you have any questions and a very warm welcome to Upton Heath Primary School.

Yours faithfully

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**Conrad North**  
**Headteacher**