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Dear Children, Parents and Carers,

Hello and welcome to Class 1! I hope you and your families are safe and well.

Over the next few weeks before the summer holidays we would normally be welcoming you into school to meet everyone at Fountains and get to know your new classroom and school by joining us for a series of afternoon sessions. This year it is going to be a bit different but I want to reassure you that when it is safe for us to meet we will soon get into our new routines.

I will soon be uploading a short video to our school website to tell you a little about who I am. Since we are not able to see each other, I thought you might like to find out a little about me. I will also read a story each week and put this on the school website for you to listen to. These will be found on the Class 1 page under the heading 'homework'. If you would like to send any messages to me, your grown ups can contact me using the following email; class1@gfschools.co.uk

## Our class:

In class 1 we will be very busy learning new things, building relationships and developing independence. Our day will begin with a welcome and class discussion. We will spend our mornings focusing on developing skills in English and Maths. Our afternoons will focus on exploring our world through following the things we are interested in. We will work together to find answers to our questions and test our ideas. At the end of our busy day, we will finish with a story and another class discussion to share our proud moments. Each day we will join with the whole school for collective worship. We have lunch with children from Class 2 and playtimes are shared with the rest of the school.

## What you will need,

In Class 1 you can bring in a water bottle so you can have a drink whenever you need one, you will also need indoor shoes to change into when you come into the classroom. If you would like to bring your own wellies to use in our outdoor area, please do so although we do have some spares in school for you to borrow. You will need a PE kit in school all of the time, PE will be timetabled however we may have extra sessions or the day may swap so it is best to leave this in school. You will also need a book bag to take things home with you.

## Am I ready?

These are very strange times and you may not have seen your friends or been to nursery/ play group for a long time so starting a new school may feel very worrying for you. Please remember that we are all starting together. We will make sure that we take time to get to know each other and settle into our new learning gradually so that we don't become overwhelmed. If you do have any questions or concerns, please send me an email and I will try to help.

## Grown ups,

I would also normally be visiting the children in their current settings to find out a little about them and what they enjoy doing in a setting that is familiar to them. If you would be happy for me to contact their preschool setting to discuss your child, please can you email me with the contact details of the setting.

I am really looking forward to meeting you all but in the meantime look after yourselves and your families.

Miss Wray Class Teacher

