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Dear Parents/Carers,

Further to my letter dated 23<sup>rd</sup> April, I am delighted to be sending you information to help with your child starting school in September. Ideally, as in previous years we would have held a 'New Parent Meeting' but due to the current situation we are unable to do this. If circumstances change and the safety advice adjusts before the end of term we will review this. In the meantime we have put together a 'New Starter Information' booklet. The aim of this booklet is to provide you with all of the information we would have given you during the meeting.

We have also prepared a video to introduce the staff that will be working with your child. The video can be accessed through our website by clicking on the following tabs;

School Classes, Merlin – Reception. Once in Merlin Class you will find a link titled 'Welcome New Reception Children and Parents'.

We do hope you enjoy reading the booklet and watching the video with your child.

A further video that will take you and your child on a tour of the school will follow soon. We will email you the link when this is available.

### **Class Structure and Staffing:**

Reception in September 2020 will be a mixed year class with some Year 1 children. The class will continue to be taught by Miss Grant and supported by an experienced teaching assistant. We are also very fortunate to have an apprentice within the Reception/Year 1 Class. For more detailed information about the whole school structure for next year, please see the attached letter that was sent out recently to current parents.

After two and half very happy years at Countess Gytha I will be leaving at the end of the summer term. I am delighted to be able to let you know that Mr Luke Talmage and Mrs Lisa Thompson will be leading the school from September and they have put together a pen portrait which is provided within this pack.

**Also enclosed with this letter are the following forms to be completed and returned:**

(An envelope for these forms has been provided and a box placed in the school reception)

All About Me

GDPR permissions

Tapestry Permissions

Home School Agreement

Pupil Detail form – please add at least two other emergency contacts and any medical details.

Universal Free School Meals/ Pupil Premium Form (please complete with your national insurance number)

**The following attachments are for your information:**

School uniform details

Menu leaflet – sample menu only

Grape Safety

Term time calendar

PACEY booklet of information

Coolmilk information - Register online for your child's milk, or post form to COOLMILK.

Please could these be completed and returned by **Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July.**

On a final note, due to the current Covid-19 situation the information we have provided for the start in September may be subject to change depending on Government advice. Any changes that have to be made in the run up to schools opening in September will be published on our website.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to get in contact with the school office on 01935 850345 or email [office@countessgytha.ppat365.org](mailto:office@countessgytha.ppat365.org)

We are very much looking forward to welcoming you into school in September.

Your sincerely



Mrs Goodland

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