



Atlantic Academy Portland

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Dear Parents/Carers

We're delighted to welcome you and your child to Atlantic Academy as part of our new reception class! I'm Miss Heppell and I'm the Principal at Atlantic Academy.

As a school, we've had to adapt rapidly over the past few weeks and we're currently running a virtual classroom for all the students at Atlantic Academy. It's definitely an unusual and challenging time at the moment, and we know you and your child might be feeling worried about the transition into reception this September. We want to reassure you that we're here for you every step of the way.

Starting school is always a big moment and we think developing strong links between home and school is the best way to ensure a positive experience for everybody. As such, usually at this point I would be inviting you to attend parents' meetings and events for your children to come and get to know each other, the staff and the school environment.

However, in order to follow the government's guidelines on social distancing, we've had to adjust our arrangements for supporting this year's transition. However, we hope the remote activities that we've planned will help put your child (and you!) at ease and get them feeling as excited as we are for the new school year.

We'll be contacting you after half term with further details on these arrangements.

To provide you with a flavour of life in Reception at Atlantic Academy, we'd love to share some of the topics and activities [name] will be taking part in throughout the year.



What makes you, you?



How can we, as palaeontologists, reunite a lost egg with its grown up?

School Trip:
Dinosaur Museum.



How do astronomers know what is in the night sky?

Experience
Planetarium



Who has the greatest powers of all?

Experience
Super Hero Day



As scientists, how do we know how plants survive?

School Trip:
Kingston Maurward



How do humans have an impact on the sea?

If you have any concerns or questions about your child's transition, please let us know by contacting myself or Mr Blanthorn, our Head of Early Years Foundation Stage, through the [Atlantic Academy website](http://atlantic-academy.org).

We can't say yet when we'll be able to open the school fully, but rest assured that if anything changes at all, we'll contact you as soon as possible via email.

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

Again, thank you for choosing Atlantic Academy as [name]'s school, I very much look forward to meeting you all in the near future and hope to get back to you soon with some dates for us to do so.

For now we do have a school [Facebook page](#) and [Twitter account](#) where you can follow some of the activities we are taking part in.

Take care and stay safe and well and if you require any advice or support please do let us know.

Yours sincerely



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