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**RE: Foundation School Readiness 2021**

Dear Educator,

As a result of the disruptions caused by coronavirus (COVID-19) this year, we know that many parents may be feeling nervous about their child starting school in 2021. I am writing to let you know that our school is ready to welcome our new cohort of preps in 2021 and that we are committed to working with you to ensure that children make a positive transition to schools. The following information about our school may help you speak with families who may be feeling a bit uncertain about their child commencing school next year.

As you know, no matter what experiences children have had in their kindergarten year, they will have developed a range of skills and abilities that form the basis for further learning and teaching. Our school and all schools welcome and support children at different stages in their growth.

Our school is ready for children to have a greater diversity of needs next year. Our Term One program will be modified to accommodate the social and emotional needs of children who may not have been able to attend four-year-old kindergarten as planned this year.

Like your service, it is our core business to support children at different stages of their learning and development, and to work closely with families to achieve the best possible outcomes for their child. Parents should have strong confidence that our school can meet their child at the point of their learning and developmental need.

We have planned a range of initiatives to ensure effective transition from kindergarten to school in 2021 including:

- Parent Information sessions early in Term Four
- Individual Google Meetings with parents and children
- Kindergartens contacted by school staff regarding children - visits if allowed
- Training Year 5 students as Foundation buddies for 2021
- Detailed information booklet and packs for new families
- If allowed, onsite transition days later in Term Four

Please do not hesitate to contact us so that we can work together to plan an effective Transition Program for 2021 Foundation students. We look forward to continuing in partnership with you to support children as they transition from kindergarten to school.

Yours sincerely,

Julie Manallack  
Principal  
Toorak Primary School