



# Start to School in September

This year we are offering a gentle start for your child in September due to the difficulty in organising our usual transition programme during the summer term. We believe that the timetable we have planned will really help them to settle into their new school environment, adjust to new routines and get to know new friends and teachers.

Please note, since our Zoom conversations we have needed to make some minor changes to the timings of the sessions below in order to maintain social distancing at drop off and pick up times. We apologise for any inconvenience this may have caused you.

**When referring to the table below, please check your child's 'Starting School' booklet which you should have now received by post to see which class they have been allocated.**

	Ash Class	Elm Class
<b>Week 1</b> Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> to Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> September	Your child and <b>one</b> adult from their family are invited to spend a 2 hour 'Stay and Play' session one morning this week. This will include time to play in the Foundation Stage Block, a tour of the main school and a school lunch.  <b>You should have now received your invitation by post for this session which will tell you the date for your 'Stay and Play' session which will run from 10am-12pm.</b>	
<b>Week 2</b> Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> to Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> September	Ash Class will come to school this week Monday to Wednesday mornings <b>8:30am – 10:30am</b> then Thursday and Friday afternoons <b>12:30pm – 2.30pm.</b>	Elm Class will come to school this week Monday to Wednesday afternoons <b>12:30pm – 2.30pm</b> then Thursday and Friday mornings <b>8:30am – 10:30am.</b>
<b>Week 3</b> Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> to Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> September	All children will attend school this week for morning sessions from <b>8:30am to 12:30pm</b> . This will include eating lunch in school.	
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> September	All children will be invited to spend their first full day in school. Our gates will be open from <b>8:20am</b> ready to start learning at <b>8:30am</b> . Our Reception day will end at <b>2:40pm</b> .  All children are hopefully now ready to begin full-time school from this point. We appreciate that some children may need to continue part-time attendance; please do come and talk to us if you feel this would benefit your child and support their transition into school.	



## What are the benefits of a gentle transition?

- A busy Reception classroom with lots of children and adults from day one can be overwhelming therefore the smaller, quieter groups give them the space and confidence to play and get to know each other.
- Staff working with a smaller group of children enables them to get to know each individual well and means they can give more dedicated time if they need extra support.
- Giving each child a positive first experience means they are more likely to remain settled in the long run.
- The taster session week provides the children with an opportunity to explore their new and unfamiliar environment with a trusted adult. It is also a lovely opportunity for you to get to see their world and have time to talk to the Early Years staff. The school lunches are yummy too!