



## Arrangements for Reception children beginning school in September 2018

Dear Parents/Carers,

It is our policy, in common with other primary schools, to gradually build up to full time school attendance for all children beginning our school. This enable us to support a gentle and effective transition into school for your children. School can be overwhelming for young children, and you will notice that although your child will be excited, they will be more tired than usual as they become familiar with a new, larger environment and cope with new experiences and routines.

The programme of entry for this autumn will be as follows:

Date	Time in school	Children in school
<b>Thurs 6<sup>th</sup>, Friday 7<sup>th</sup>, Monday 10<sup>th</sup> September</b>	<b>All children will be visited at home</b> by teachers and teaching assistant. Each home visit will last 20 minutes.	
<b>Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> September</b>	9:00am -11:30am	Children born between April 1 <sup>st</sup> and August 31 <sup>st</sup> visit school.
	1:00pm – 3:00pm	Children born between September 1 <sup>st</sup> and March 31 <sup>st</sup> visit school.
<b>For the rest of the week 12<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup> 14<sup>th</sup> September</b>	8:40am-12:00pm	<b>All children</b> are given the opportunity to stay for the morning session.
<b>Week beginning Monday 17<sup>th</sup> September</b>	8:40am-1:10pm	<b>All children</b> are given the opportunity to stay for lunch in school.
<b>Monday 24<sup>th</sup> September</b>	School closed for staff training	
<b>For the rest of the week 25<sup>th</sup>, 26<sup>th</sup> 27<sup>th</sup> September</b>	8:40am-3:00pm	<b>All children</b> are given the opportunity to stay in school full time from now onwards

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It is important to be guided by your child as he/she settles into school. If he/she appears not to be ready to stay all day and would benefit from spending some time at home in the afternoon, please speak to us. Likewise, if we feel your child is coping well with morning sessions but not ready for a full school day we will discuss a more gradual entry for your child.

We want every child to have the best possible experience as they begin school and so develop the positive attitudes that we aim to foster in all our pupils. A happy and settled start to their first year in school is vital for these attitudes to develop.

We look forward to meeting you and your child in school.

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