



Thursday 17th June 2021

Dear new Reception families,

Following the guidance updates this week, I am writing to confirm the transition arrangements for this term and for your child starting school dates in September. Obviously the situation in Surrey Heath and across the country, is currently under close review so I am sure you will appreciate that any of the following dates may need to be changed or altered in line with Government guidance at the time.

#### **Tuesday 22nd June - Parent Induction Information Evening**

Hopefully you will have already signed up to the 5-6pm or 6.30-7.30pm slot for this date. Due to guidance, unfortunately we have to limit this to only one parent per family. This meeting will be held outside and is an opportunity for you to meet the staff and find out more about our lovely school. We will also offer you the opportunity to see the Reception learning area and the school playground. Please bring a mask, a pen and do not attend if you or anyone in your family has any symptoms related to covid.

#### **Friday 25th June - Stay and Play Visit**

This week's guidance dictates that our stay and play visit groups need to be smaller than originally planned. The children will now be split into 4 groups for a shorter session. Once again this visit invites only one parent to join their child and the session will take place outside. This is an opportunity for staff and children to meet each other. We have attempted to group children from the same pre-schools/nurseries and resources will be thoroughly cleaned between each session.

**Your child will be in GROUP 2 for their visit. This takes place between 9.30-10am.**

#### **Wednesday 30th June and Friday 9th July - Induction Sessions**

Both of these induction sessions have been postponed until September. Headteachers across Surrey Heath have met this week and have decided that transition days involving moving and mixing groups of children between settings is not feasible.

#### **Contact with Early Years Settings**

Reception staff are currently making contact with your child's pre-school, nursery or childminder via phone call. This is to find out a little more about your child and who they like to play with at their current setting.

As detailed above, your child has been put into one of four groups based upon their nursery settings. The children will remain in these groups for the first week of starting school in September. We will confirm if your child will be in Hedgehogs or Moles class via an email on Friday 10th September.

Please see below details of your child's exciting first steps into school.

### VISITING BIG SCHOOL

Thursday 2nd September	<b>Induction Visit 1</b> 9.15-10.15 - Groups 1 and 2 10.30-11.30 - Group 3 and 4
Friday 3rd September	<b>Induction Visit 2</b> 9.15-10.15 - Groups 1 and 2 10.30-11.30 - Group 3 and 4

- Children can come to the above visits in their home clothes and will only need to bring a named water bottle with them.
- Staff will be at the main gates ready to welcome you for your visit.
- If guidance allows and your child needs you to stay, you are welcome to join them for these sessions.

### STARTING BIG SCHOOL

Monday 6th September	All children in for the morning, no lunch - 9-11.15
Tuesday 7th September	All children in for the morning, no lunch - 9-11.15
Wednesday 8th September	All children in for the morning and lunch - 9-12.15
Thursday 9th September	All children in for the morning and lunch - 9-12.15
Friday 10th September	All children in for a full day - 9-3

Monday 13th September	All children are full-time at school - 8.40-3.10
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- From Monday 6th September, please can all children come to school in full uniform and bring their book bag and water bottles with them. Please do not send your child's PE backpack in to school until Monday 13th September as they will not be needed.
- On Friday 10th September, we will confirm if your child is in Hedgehogs or Moles class via the email address on your admissions form
- From Monday 13th September, children will be coming into school for their first day as Hedgehogs or Moles class. Please can they wear full uniform including their book bag, PE backpack and water bottle ready to put on their own named peg.

- Whilst children are part-time teachers will be spending the afternoons (12.30-4pm) making family phone calls to all new families to ensure you have the opportunity to hear how your child has settled into school in the first few days, as well as offering you the opportunity to ask any questions about school life. These calls will take place between Monday 6th and Thursday 9th September.

We look forward to welcoming you and your child to Sandringham Infant and Nursery.

Yours Sincerely

Mrs K Money  
Head Teacher