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### **Starting School September 2017**

The aim of our starting school arrangements is to provide a gradual transition into school life which will enable your child to feel settled and happy in their new learning environment. We have found that starting school for half days, and in small groups, gives children the opportunity to get to know their teachers, teaching assistants and other children before they start full time.

#### **Pre-school visits**

We would also like to invite your child to visit us this term. The dates and times of these **visits** are:

**For children who will be 5 on 1<sup>st</sup> September 2017 to 31<sup>st</sup> January 2018:**

**Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> June 2017 -1.45 p.m.until 2.45 p.m.  
and  
Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> July 2017 -1.45 p.m. until 2.45 p.m.**

**For children who will be 5 on 1<sup>st</sup> February 2018 to 31<sup>st</sup> August 2018:**

**Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> June 2017 -1.45 p.m. until 2.45 p.m.  
and  
Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> July 2017 -1.45 p.m. until 2.45 p.m.**

You will be invited to stay with your child if this would be of benefit to your child. Please let us know if there are any difficulties regarding your child attending the scheduled sessions.

#### **Starting School**

The reception children will be in one class. The programme for half days starts on the first day of term and is organised on an age basis:

##### **Week 1**

**For children who will be 5 on 1<sup>st</sup> September 2017 to 31<sup>st</sup> January 2018:**

**Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September to Friday 8<sup>th</sup> September (inclusive) 1.05 p.m. until 3:10 p.m.**

**For children who will be 5 on 1<sup>st</sup> February 2018 to 31<sup>st</sup> August 2018:**

**Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September to Friday 8<sup>th</sup> September (inclusive) 8.45 a.m. – 8.50 a.m. until 11:00 a.m.**

**Week 2 into Week 3**

**All children Monday 11<sup>th</sup> September to Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> September (inclusive) 8.50 a.m. until 1:10 p.m.**

These sessions include eating either a free school lunch or a packed lunch brought from home.

**All children full time Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> September** full time. 8.50am (doors open at 8.45am) to 3.10pm.

All children will receive a free fruit snack and the children will be offered milk or water to drink. Please inform us if your child has any allergies. The school's registration form has a section for medical details. Children are entitled to free milk until they are 5 then following the child's 5<sup>th</sup> birthday milk can be provided through the School Milk Scheme. The cost is £15 per term. Please register on [www.coolmilk.com](http://www.coolmilk.com)

Since September 2014 children in Reception, Year 1 and 2 are entitled to a school lunch through the Universal Free School Meals initiative. There will be choices which will include a vegetarian dish each day. Free School meals for Reception will be provided from Monday 11<sup>th</sup> September.

We offer home visits to all our families. These visits are about 20 minutes in length and have been extremely beneficial. They give us the opportunity to meet your child in their home environment and discuss aspects of school or any particular needs your child may have. Please complete the slip with this letter if you would like us to arrange to visit you.

Yours truly,

Deanne Garratt – Headteacher

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We would like a home visit for .....(child's name)

Please write any afternoons from **11<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> September** that would be convenient for you.

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2. \_\_\_\_\_
3. \_\_\_\_\_

