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Henbury View First School

Every Child Matters, Every Moment Counts

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Wednesday 27th April 2022

Dear Parent/Carer,

I am delighted to hear that your child has been offered a place at Henbury View First School for September 2022. I would like to welcome you and your child to our school community, below is some induction information which will enable a smooth transition for your child.

Below are a few important dates for your diary:

Wednesday 8th June 2022 - Information Evening for New Parents

We would like to invite you to an information evening in the school hall - this is for parents/carers. Doors will open at 5.45 pm and the presentation will begin at 6:00 pm. You will have the opportunity to have a tour of the school.

Tuesday 21st June 2022 - Teddy Bears' Picnic

We would like to invite you and your child (younger siblings welcome) to visit our school on the afternoon of the 21st June 1:30-3:00 pm for a teddy bears picnic. This session will allow children the opportunity to meet their teachers and classmates before they start school in September in a very relaxed and informal way. If the weather is nice the picnic will be held on the school field, however if it is not, it will be in the school hall so please follow the signs on the day and don't forget to bring along a teddy.

Friday 1st July 2022 - Stay and play session

To help with the transition we ask that children also attend the stay and play sessions. These sessions will be held in their classroom. These sessions give the children an opportunity to become familiar with our environment and continue to build on new relationships with other children who will be in their class. We have divided the children into two groups to enable the staff to spend a more time with each child.

Thursday 7th July - Meet your class

The children are invited in for the afternoon, the session will run from 1.15 - 2.45 pm and we ask that the children are dropped off and picked up outside of the classroom door. This is a more formal, structured session where the children will be given the opportunity to learn and play alongside all the children who will be in their class in September.

Arrangements for starting school in the Autumn Term.

In order to provide a calm and purposeful start for your child, we have staggered the entry times and days. This will enable the teachers to devote more time to settling your child into school life before they start on a daily basis.

Settling in times for your child are as follows:

Monday 5th and Tuesday 6th September 9.00-12.00pm.

Wednesday 7th September 9:00 - 1:15pm (Please ensure that you have ordered a lunch, details on how to order a hot meal will be given on the 8th June or provide a packed lunch)

From Thursday 8th September children will be full time 9:00 - 3:20pm

On the first morning, please bring your child to the foundation gate which is to the left of the main school entrance.

Week beginning 5th September 2022 - Parent and child visit to school.

We will be offering 10 minute appointments on 5th 6th or 7th September during the afternoon. If you would like a visit, please complete the form below and we will be in contact to arrange a time. This will give you an opportunity to talk directly to the class teacher and also for your child to show you their classroom.

We spend a great deal of time carefully planning the children's transition into school and the first few sessions are crucial for enabling the children and adults to build relationships, become familiar with routines and grow in confidence. We are grateful for your support with this.

Over the coming weeks we will be emailing more information and we are very much looking forward to meeting you in person. Our priority is to give you and your child the very best transition to school. In the meantime, if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school office on 01202 659179.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Sally Wall
Headteacher