



Verwood CE First School and Nursery

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Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome to Verwood First School and Nursery

We are very much looking forward to your child starting school with us in September. We appreciate that choosing a school for your child is an important and exciting decision and we are delighted you have chosen Verwood First School and Nursery.

We have planned a series of events and activities to make starting school as enjoyable and smooth as possible. These include:

- New Parents Information evening
- Classroom visits
- Pre-School/Nursery Liaison
- Home visits
- Starting school at the beginning of the Autumn term

New Parents' Evening

Our **New Parents' Information Evening** will be held on **Wednesday 19th June 6.00pm to 7.00pm**. This will give you an opportunity to find out more about our school and to meet our Oak base teachers and teaching assistants for September 2024. Please could you bring your child's birth certificate to the meeting, so that we can complete our records. We have also invited our wraparound care provider, SCOOSC, as well as Threads and Treads, and Hannah, our Forest School leader. This meeting is intended for parents and other adults only.

Classroom Visits

We would like to invite your child to visit our Reception classroom twice during the summer term. The first visit is with **one parent/carer** to stay and play with their child but we ask that on the second visit the adults leave the children for the session. During the second session, adults are warmly invited to the Jubilee Room for the stay and play hour, for refreshments and meet other parents.

| | Surnames A - K | Surnames L - Z |
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| Stay and play - child and one parent/carer | Friday 28th June 9.15 - 10.15 | Friday 28th June 10.45 - 11.45 |
| Stay and play - child only | Monday 1st July 9.15 - 10.15 | Monday 1st July 10.45 - 11.45 |





During the visit your child will receive an 'All About Me' book for you and your child to complete over the summer break. We hope you will be able to attend these sessions which will offer a positive shared experience of school. To help us build up a picture of your child we would appreciate it if you could complete the 'All About My Child' form attached.

You are more than welcome to include in this who your child enjoys playing with, however recommendations from previous settings as to who your child learns best with will be the priority and we are unable to guarantee any friendship groupings when creating the class lists. Please could you return this form to the school office or virtually to office@verwoodfirstschool.org no later than **Monday 3rd June**, thank you.

Pre-School/Nursery Liaison

Pre-School/Nursery liaison takes place during the Summer term with our Reception team visiting or making phone calls to all our feeder settings. Once we have spoken to the settings and reviewed the information, children will begin to be placed in classes.

Home Visits

We have been making home visits for a number of years and they have always proved to be extremely beneficial to all concerned. They are invaluable in developing a positive partnership between home and school. The visits are very informal and give parents further opportunities to ask any questions and the children do enjoy meeting their teacher in their own home.

Home visits are scheduled for **5th, 6th and 9th September**. We will send a letter out, before the summer holidays, confirming your day and time. These dates and times are fixed and have been arranged based on where you live and the travel timings. If you have a problem with the dates we have selected, please let us know as soon as possible.

Autumn Term

Your child's first day of school will be **Tuesday 10th September** all children are invited to be in school full time. (8.30am - 3.00pm).

In order for your child to settle happily and quickly we would like to stagger the start time for the first few days. From Tuesday 10th - Friday 13th September your child's start time will either be 8.30, 8.45 and 9.00. From **Monday 16th September** all children will start at 8.30am.

| Start Time Tues 10th - Fri 13th September | |
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| 8.30am | Surnames A - G |
| 8.45am | Surnames H - O |
| 9.00am | Surnames P - Z |

Starting school should be a happy and exciting time for both your child and for you. We know that you will have lots of questions to ask us and we hope that the information here will begin to answer at least some of them.



Please click [here](#) to complete the Admissions form for your child, this information is very important to us and we thank you for your time. The documents referred to on the form can be found on our website together with other useful information. Please click [here](#) to see our school/trust policies and documents including the Privacy Notice for Pupils and Parents. Please click [here](#) for further useful information. Further information on booking Hot School Meals will be supplied nearer your child's start date.

Please complete your forms by Monday 3rd June. This gives us time to sort the children into classes ahead of the information evening where you will be informed of your child's class and teachers.

We hope that you are looking forward to meeting us. We will do our very best to make you and your child feel secure, valued and ready for the start of the new school year.

Please do not hesitate to talk to us if you have any further questions.

Yours sincerely

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