



Ashley Junior School

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25th August 2021

Dear Parent/Carer,

I hope you have been able to enjoy the summer break and create some special memories. We have been busily preparing the classrooms and school for the start of the new term and making sure everything is looking its best for the beginning of what will, I am sure, be an exciting and fun academic year. I wanted to write to you to inform you of what to expect as your child joins our school.

Because of the restrictions imposed because of the pandemic we are very much aware that we could not provide the transition arrangements we would have liked. We have a whole school training day on **Thursday 2nd September**.

On **Friday 3rd September** we want the **Year 3** children in Kestrel and Wren class to start their academic year. They will be here from 8.55am to 12.00pm and will be the only children in the school. This will enable them to spend time with their teachers, support staff and new classmates. They will be able to orientate and find out how we do things and where things are. The itinerary for the morning is:

8.45am The gates are opened. Parents leave their child at the gate to the Reception. Children will be met by key staff and led to their classrooms.

9.00am Registration.

9.30am Year group assembly with Mr. Rix.

10.00am - 11.55am There will be a range of activities organised that will enable the children to navigate their way around the school and learn routines for playtime, lessons, etcetera

12.00pm **Parents collect children from the playground.** There will be staff showing you where to collect.

On **Monday 6th September** the whole school will return for the new academic year. The school day starts as above but children will be collected at **3.30pm**.

You and your child may well be anxious as they embark on the next phase of their education. It is important that you model a positive attitude and that the transition into school is brisk. Your child is in safe hands and, like you, we want the very best for them. If you do have any questions or concerns then please contact us

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Though we will remain vigilant and there will be expectations that we maintain the highest of hygiene standards, we are very much looking forward to returning to the routines and opportunities that we have enjoyed in the past and we are particularly looking forward to working with you to provide the best education for your child.

Yours faithfully,

IAN RIX
Headteacher