

June 2020

Dear Parents,

The Foundation Stage team are all very excited to be working with you and your child in September. We hope you have enjoyed sharing the materials we have already sent out, such as story videos, nursery rhymes and the 'Starting School' booklet with your child.

Obviously, the restrictions placed on us by COVID 19 mean that we have had to make the difficult decision that we will not be able to hold our usual transition events for our new intake prior to September. We hope you understand that this is for your child's safety and that of the children already in school.

For those of you in Hordle Explorers Nursery we have prioritised school starters for return and hopefully your child will be benefiting from the transition work we have planned.

If your child is not already at Hordle Explorers Nursery we recognise you might have wider concerns about your child starting school. If, after reading the letter below, you still have concerns about your child making a happy and successful transition into school in September, please contact me at the school and we can discuss what arrangements might need to be made.

Transition Events:

We have devised a series of transition events for you and your child. We have endeavoured to ensure that your children will still be offered a range of transitions to ensure the most successful start possible to their school life with us. Please find details of our September transition events in the table below:

Date	Time	Who	Details
Thursday 3 rd and Friday 4 th September 2020	Sessions at 9.15-10.00	Child and Parent	Come and join us for a quiet, welcome transition session with your child. You will get to explore the classroom together, find your child's peg, and discover their favourite place to play in the classroom before finishing the session with a story. Please complete the following link for your preferred session. https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSd5s2GWsqPLxivNA7NeQSDEwFbpSf2XnQJ7twYbN0ZPCoHT3Q/viewform?usp=sf_link
	10.15-11.00	Maximum groups of 10 children at each session	
	11.15-12.00		
Monday 7 th September 2020	9.30-11.00	Ladybird Children Stay and Play	A chance for your child to visit the classroom independently with their peers, they will continue to explore the classroom and we will finish the session by singing some well-known nursery rhymes. We ask that parents sign their child in at the Blue Foundation Stage Door before leaving their child and returning to school at the collect time.
	1.00-2.30	Bumblebee Children Stay and Play	

Tuesday 8 th September 2020	9.30-11.00	Bumblebee Children Second Stay and Play	A second stay and play continues to allow children to develop relationships with teachers and other children and learn where in the classroom the toys they enjoy are kept.
	1.00-2.30	Ladybird Children Second Stay and Play	

Full or part-time?

All Reception children will start school on **Wednesday 9th September 2020**. Children are eligible to start school full time from September regardless of the month of their birthday. This is not compulsory and all parents have the chance to opt for a later full time start date. If you would prefer your child to begin by attending morning sessions only please feel free to discuss with a member of the foundation staff team. Please be aware that as a school we feel strongly that all children should be full time by the end of the first half term. All children attending part time must be collected from the school office at 11.50 each day. Please complete this form https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScdSrC4MMe-zsD0_9XmxGFo3cNhTj3moCqnFIXNhMZqbkb7cQ/viewform?usp=sf_link as soon as possible stating your preference for full time start dates. Please note: this form is not binding and you are entitled to change your preference nearer the start of term if you wish. Please do not hesitate to contact the school if you require further information or have any other queries or concerns.

Staggered Start:

We stagger the start of day times for the new Foundation Stage in order to ensure the comfort and happiness of the children and parents. Staggering the arrival times means that children will arrive at the classroom in smaller numbers. Staff can then help to settle them into the classroom and ensure they know where to put their personal belongings. This has received very positive feedback from parents in previous years. These staggered times will run from: **Wednesday 9th September to Friday 11th September.**

Start time	8.40-9.00am	9.20am	9.40am
Wednesday 9th September to Friday 11th September.	Children with <u>older siblings</u> already at Hordle Primary School	Remaining Ladybird children with <u>no older siblings</u> at Hordle Primary School	Remaining Bumblebee children with <u>no older siblings</u> at Hordle Primary School

Please note: From **Monday 14th September** children will **all** need to be at school **by 9.00am.**

Attending Breakfast or After School Club:

All Foundation Stage children are able to attend both Breakfast and After School Club from their first day at school. Should you require more information about this service please contact theden@hordleprimary.co.uk

I really look forward to seeing you all soon,

Mrs Riley
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'That they may have life; life in all its fullness' John 10:10

