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Important information to help prepare for your child's start at Woodland Grange Primary School

Dear Parents/Carers,

As the new academic year approaches, we are excited to welcome you and your child to Woodland Grange Primary School. We understand that starting school is a significant milestone for both children and parents, and we are here to support you every step of the way. There are a number of ways we will support your child with their transition to school.

The Foundation Stage teachers will be coming out to see children in external nursery settings, to meet your child and speak to key workers. Parents do not attend this meeting however please could you give your verbal consent to nursery for the teacher to take a photo of your child. If your child attends Woodland Grange Pre-School, the Foundation Stage staff will spend some time throughout this summer term in the Pre-School, to ensure children are familiar with them.

We will be holding our Induction Evening online on **Wednesday 12th June at 6pm**. During this meeting we will give you all the information you need to know about your child starting at Woodland Grange Primary School, as well as giving you the opportunity to ask any questions you may have about your child starting school. We appreciate you may not all be able to make this session, therefore it will be recorded and a link will be sent out to you all.

We will be holding three 15minute story sessions, where you and your child can come into school to listen to a story read to them by the Foundation Stage teachers, in their new classroom. These will run on **Monday 17th June, Tuesday 18th June and Thursday 20th June at 2:45-3pm**. Due to the number of children starting, please only book onto **one** of these sessions; you can do this by contacting the school office. These sessions are for children who **do not** attend Woodland Grange Pre-School.

On **Tuesday 2nd July 2-2:45pm**, we will be having a Teddy Bear's picnic. This gives you and your child the chance to meet the teachers again and begin to get to know new friends. Please bring a small picnic, a teddy and a rug. Please note, if your child is attending Woodland Grange Pre-School at that time, a member of staff **will not** be able to bring them but please feel free to collect them early to come and join in the fun!

We will be holding a **Stay and Play** session on **Tuesday 9th July**, where both children and parents/carers can come and play in their new classroom. This is when you will find out who your child's new teacher is, as well as give you the chance to sign up for the 1:1 meeting in September. This is a great opportunity for them to become familiar with the new environment. Adults must stay for the whole session. If your child normally attends Woodland Grange Pre-School at that time, you will need to collect them from there to take them to the Stay and Play session. Without a parent/carer, your child **will not** be able to attend. They will however be able to attend pre-school before and after the session if they are normally there on that day.

Tuesday 9 th July 9-10am	Stay and play session for children whose surnames begin with A - L
Tuesday 9 th July 10.30am-11.30am	Stay and play session for children whose surnames begin with M - Z

At the start of the new academic year, we will be carrying out home visits and 1:1 meetings. See the table on the reverse for more information.

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The children will also initially start **part time**, this helps support the transition and enable them to become familiar with their new teachers, classroom and peers. The environment is also less busy, as we only have half the children in at once to allow staff time to really get to know your child. You will find out which part time session your child is attending at the Stay and Play session on 9th July. Please make a note of the dates of the home visits, 1:1 meetings and part time sessions below.

Tuesday 27 th August & Wednesday 28 th August 2024	<u>Home Visits</u> If your child currently goes to an external setting, the class teacher and teaching assistant will come and visit you in your home. This is a wonderful opportunity for the staff members to get to know your child in a place where they are most comfortable. The visit will last approximately 20 minutes. You will be given a time and date for the visit at the Stay and Play session.
Thursday 29 th & Friday 30 th August 2024	<u>Part Time Sessions 8.45-11.45am</u> Your child will initially start school part time. The phased start allows the children to really settle at school without it being too overwhelming and gives the adults valuable time to get to know your child before they start school full time. You will be given a time and date for the visit at the Stay and Play session.
Monday 2 nd – Friday 6 th September 2024	<u>1:1 Meetings</u> If your child currently attends Woodland Grange Pre-School, you will have a 1:1 meeting with the class teacher at school. This gives you the opportunity to discuss your child and pass on any information that is necessary for the teachers to know. Please do bring your child along to this meeting. The meetings are 20minutes. You will be able to sign up for a 1:1 meeting at the Stay and Play session.
Monday 9 th – Friday 13 th September 2024	<u>Part Time Sessions 8.45am -1.30pm</u> All the children will be attending these sessions. We are gradually building up the school day. They will be staying for lunch this week.
Monday 16 th September 2024	<u>Full Time School 8.45am – 3.15pm</u> All the children will start full time from this date.

If your child is coming from Woodland Grange Pre-School, they will not be able to attend the pre-school after their part time sessions, as they have a new cohort starting. Alternative childcare will have to be arranged.

At Woodland Grange, we offer pre and after-care in our Pre-School for Foundation Stage Children. This runs from 7.45– 8.45am and 3.15 – 6pm. We only have a limited number of places. they are given on a first come, first served basis. If this is something you will need, please fill out a form which can be found on the school website in the parent's section: Owls Hoot – before and after school care.

We look forward to meeting you and your child and embarking on this exciting journey together.

Yours sincerely,
Mrs Pearce
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