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Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you so much for choosing to send your child to Woodcote Primary School. As a parent myself, I know that when your child first starts school you will go through a whole host of varying emotions (which I am sure you have already begun). There will be excitement, apprehension, nerves, as well as disbelief that your child really has reached **that** age. We will do everything we can in order that the transition to school is as smooth as possible, for both you and your child.

When your child first starts school they enter the Foundation Stage. At the end of that year they will spend two years in Key Stage One (years 1 and 2). The following four years are called Key Stage Two (years 3, 4, 5 and 6). The children then transfer to their secondary school for Key Stage 3. When your child joins us in September, there will be one Foundation Stage class, Ash Class and Mrs Palumbo will be the teacher. She will be supported by Mrs Sirrell. Mrs Palumbo and Mrs Sirrell will be working closely with the children to make their first year of school a positive and happy one.

Mrs Palumbo has been sent details of the pre-school settings currently attended by the children and will be visiting them later in the Summer term to share transition information and meet the children in their early year's environment. She will also offer home visits and individual parent interviews for Parents who feel it would be of benefit.

We will be having an open evening for parents on **Wednesday 24th May at 6:30pm** and strongly advise that you attend even if you been to the meetings previously for older siblings (you are welcome to bring children along if it is necessary). You will have the opportunity to meet with staff, visit the Foundation Stage learning areas and find out more about the Foundation Stage curriculum. We will also give more detailed information on: school routines, staffing, our uniform and lunch arrangements. It will provide you with an opportunity to ask questions and meet with staff and other parents.

During June we offer 4 stay and play afternoons. Parents and their children are invited to join us for activities and a story and rhyme time. This year the sessions will be from 1:30 – 3:00pm on:

Wednesday 7th June, Wednesday 14th June, Tuesday 20th June and Tuesday 27th June

It is hoped that by varying the days we will have less impact on pre-school attendance and parental work commitments. You are more than welcome to attend all 4 sessions but there is no obligation. We would however suggest that you try to make at least 2 of the dates offered.

At the start of the Autumn term even if your child has previously attended a pre-school setting full time, there will still be a period of time where they need to adjust to the demands of school routines. In order to help this process children will start part-time and will begin **full-time schooling from Wednesday 6th September**. A table on the reverse of this sheet shows when your child will be in school.





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Next year will be a very exciting year for you and your children. I am really looking forward to working alongside you and the Foundation Stage team to support your child through their first year at school, and throughout their time at Woodcote.

Kind regards,

Suzanne Jones

Headteacher





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New Starters September 2017

In order for children to become familiar with their new environment, school routines, members of staff and their classmates we will be asking all of the children to attend each morning for 6 days (2 of these days will be extended to include lunch). The afternoons will be devoted to home visits and individual parent interviews which will be conducted by Mrs Palumbo. These meetings will be arranged during our initial meetings in the Summer term.

Date	Morning (8:45 – 12:00pm)	Lunch (12:00 – 1:00pm)	Afternoon (1:00 – 3:15pm)
Tues 29th Aug	All children attend		Home visits/parent interviews
Wed 30th Aug	All children attend		Home visits/parent interviews
Thurs 31st Aug	All children attend		Home visits/parent interviews
Fri 1st Sept	All children attend		Team meeting and planning session
Weekend			
Mon 4th Sept	All children attend —————→	Children stay for lunch	Home visits/parent interviews
Tues 5th Sept	All children attend —————→	Children stay for lunch	Home visits/parent interviews
Wed 6th Sept	Children begin full time		
Thurs 7th Sept	Children in full day		
Fri 8th Sept	Children in full day		

We are looking forward to meeting you and your family and welcoming you to Woodcote Primary School.

