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Thursday 6th May 2021

Dear Parents / Carers,

I am delighted to be welcoming you and your child to the community of Mereworth School, and hope this is the beginning of a wonderful seven year journey for your family.

Starting at school is an exciting time for your whole family and we will do everything we can to ensure you and your child feel fully prepared and looking forward to joining us in September 2021.

We have arranged several taster sessions during the Summer Term 2021 to help you and your child familiarise yourselves with the school staff, building, and routines. **Please see dates for your diary below.** **Please note:** these taster sessions are based on the government's current roadmap out of lockdown, and assume that the planned removal of all legal limits on social contact (currently scheduled for on or after 21st June 2021) will proceed as planned. If the government advice changes between now and then, we will revise these plans accordingly and keep you fully updated.

Please email the school office with the name and telephone number of the pre-school/nursery that your child attends, along with the name of your child's keyworker. This will enable us to contact them by phone to discuss information about your child, their interests and needs in preparation for them starting school.

Child's name:..... **Group:**.....

Summer Taster Sessions – June and July 2021:

These provide an opportunity for you and your child to meet all the EYFS staff and enjoy time in school.

- **Thursday 24th June – 10:00 – 11:00am** **Group 1** - Taster session for children and parents.
- **Thursday 1st July - 10:00 – 11:00am** **Group 2** - Taster session for children and parents.
- **Thursday 8th July - 10:00 – 11:00am** **Groups 1 and 2** – Taster session for all children.
Parent meeting in the school hall – welcome and information from the Head Teacher, Admissions and Attendance Officer, and FOMS our PTA association. School uniform will be on display.
- **Thursday 15th July - 10:00 – 11:00am** **Groups 1 and 2** Taster session for all children.
Parent coffee morning.

The EYFS teacher will be available after each of these taster sessions from 11:00-11.30am to help with any questions you may have.

September 2021 start dates:

In September 2021, there will be a 'phased entry' for your child over the first two weeks of term, and on your child's first day at school the starting times are staggered so that each child can be welcomed individually into the classroom. We have found that children adapt very quickly, so we try to keep the transition time short to help you all establish the new routines.



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Home visits:

The EYFS teacher will visit you and your child at home on Monday 6th or Tuesday 7th September 2021. We will provide you with the date and time of this visit when you come for your first taster session on Thursday 24th June.

- **Monday 6th and Tuesday 7th September:** home visits will take place during these 2 days.
- **Wednesday 8th September: Group 1** (staggered start am) attend school until 12.00pm.
- **Wednesday 8th September: Group 2** (staggered start pm) attend school until 3.10pm.
- **Thursday 9th September: Group 2** attend school from 9.00am until 11.00am.
- **Thursday 9th September: Group 1** attend school from 1.00pm until 3.00pm.
- **Friday 10th September: Groups 1 and 2** attend school from 8.50am until 12.00pm.
- **Monday 13th – Friday 17th September: All children** attend school from 8:50am until 1.15pm (including lunch).
- **Friday 17th September: Parents** are invited to join children for lunch in school (details to follow).
- **From Monday 20th September: All children** in from 8:50am-3:10pm (full school day).

Your Child's September Start Date:

_____ 's first day will be _____ at _____ am/pm.

Please drop off and collect your child from the Early Years area (via the small gate).

Your child may be tired for the first few weeks and even more so by the end of term. Please try to ensure that you do not organise lots of events for them after school as they will need to rest. We have many strategies to help your child to settle in to school, and we will let you know if your child is having any problems so please don't worry, we promise we will take great care of them!

We look forward to getting to know you and your child over the coming year.
Please keep this letter so that you have it for future reference.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Lavelle
Head Teacher

