

Whitemoor Academy

Head of School: Mrs G Hooper

July 2020

Dear Parents / Carers,

We are delighted that you and your child have chosen Whitemoor Pre-school and Nursery. We are all committed to making your child's start to school as happy and as smooth a transition as possible. We realise that to do this we need to work together (as you know your children best!). We have thought carefully about how to ensure the children are confident and secure in September.

Over the summer you will be sent videos to share with your child. The videos will include stories, entry to the Pre-school nursery building and a detailed video of the indoor environment. Please do share these with your child as it will help them understand what to expect.

In light with what is happening at the moment, these plans may change. However, we are hoping to follow the plans below to allow your child to have a great start at nursery. Starting Whitemoor Pre-school...

We always look forward to meeting our new intake, but we realise that for some children (and parents!) starting school can be a daunting prospect.

In September we are going to be offering a staggered start for your child to attend their Pre-school sessions. We have two inset days at the start of September on Thursday 3rd and Friday 4th September where no children will attend school. From Monday 7th September we will gradually welcome your child to their booked session as follows:

Monday 7th & Tuesday 8th September: Taster Session 9:30am-11am.

Wednesday 9th - Friday 11th September: Morning Session 9:00am-12pm/12:30pm if your child would usually attend the afternoon session (packed lunch will need to be provided).

From Monday 14th September, all children will attend their full booked sessions.

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We believe that following this timetable will allow your child to gradually adapt to being in nursery and allow them to steadily build up their friendships and confidence. Regrettably, this year due to Covid-19 and as stipulated in Government guidance, we are not able to welcome parents and grandparents into the classrooms and goodbyes will have to be outside at the nursery gate (please see the welcome booklet for more details).

We would also like to give you the opportunity to discuss any concerns that you may have. This will happen via phone consultations during the first week of your child attending. A time to book these will be given to you in September.

Pre-school will be closed to all children on Wednesday 23^{rd} September. This is due to staff training.

Please ensure you complete the online admission form. This is required before your child can start their journey with us.

Please also find the welcome booklet that will give you some more information about what the first year at Whitemoor Pre-school Nursery would be like.

With kind regards,

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