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Dear Parents/Carers of children starting in Reception this month,

We hope that you have had a good summer and have been able to enjoy some time together in the sunshine. We are so looking forward to meeting you all and welcoming Ash and Oak children in to school. Below is the timetable for the first week.

Monday 7 th September	Ash settling in sessions
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	Your child's session is:
	Morning session 9.30-11.30am
	Afternoon session 1.00 – 3.00pm
	Arrive at front entrance to be met by Reception Team. Collect outside of front entrance.
Tuesday 8 th September	Oak settling in sessions
	Your child's session is:
	Morning session 9.30-11.30am
	Afternoon session 1.00 – 3.00pm
	Arrive at front entrance to be met by Reception Team. Collect outside of front entrance.
Wednesday 9th September	Ash settling in session with lunch: Ash 9.30am to 1.30pm
	Arrive at front entrance to be met by Reception Team. Collect outside of front entrance.
Thursday 10 th September	Oak settling in session with lunch: Oak 9.30 to 1.30pm
	Arrive at front entrance to be met by Reception Team. Collect outside of front entrance.
Friday 11 th September	Oak and Ash settling in session with lunch
	Ash – 9.15am – 1.15pm
	Oak – 9.45am – 1.45pm
	Arrive at front entrance to be met by Reception Team. Collect outside of front entrance.
Monday 14th September	Oak and Ash class start full time – 8.40 am to 3.10pm
	Ash Class- drop off at back of school
	Oak Class drop off at Main entrance at the front of school Whole school drop off and collection arrangements will be
	communicated with you.













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For the first week, commencing 7th September, please bring your child to the main entrance where they will be greeted by the Reception Team. Unfortunately, it won't be possible for you to accompany your child in to the school and down to the classroom. The whole Reception team will be there to help your child come in to school, wash their hands and walk down to the classroom.

We completely understand that both you and your child may be feeling anxious about starting school and we know that saying goodbye on the first couple of days can be hard. The Reception team will do everything they can to make this transition as smooth as possible. It is normal for children to feel shy and there may even be some tears which can be very hard for you as a parent. Please be reassured that we will look after your little one and help them to settle. In the vast majority of cases, once the children are in the classroom, they soon become happily engaged in play. Our main priority is to create a happy, healthy environment. We will contact you promptly if we have any concerns at all.

If your child is not having a school dinner on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, please send them in with a packed lunch in a named packed lunch box. For each visit, please send all children in with a healthy snack in a named bag or pot and a named water bottle.

We ask that your child comes to school wearing their school uniform and, depending on the weather, a jacket or sun hat and sun cream already applied. They will have a peg allocated to them, so can bring their PE kit in during this week.

Please collect your child from the main entrance at the designated time in the first week.

We ask that when dropping off and collecting, you maintain social distance from other families and that only one parent/ carer accompany the child to school.

Your child will be commencing school full time the week beginning 14th September. Drop off is at 8.40am and collection is at 3.10pm. Please drop Oak children off at the front entrance and Ash children at the back entrance. They will be met by their teachers and brought in to class. Both classes need to be collected from the back of the school.

Many thanks to all those of you who have uploaded your child's Chatterbox to Tapestry. If you haven't had the opportunity to do this yet don't worry, we will be sharing them over the first couple of weeks so there's still time.

I'm also happy to inform you that, although Mrs Lewis resigned from her post as class teacher at the end of last term, we have convinced her not to leave us and she will be teaching in Oak Class one day a week to cover Mrs Shorrock's planning, preparation, assessment and training time. We're really lucky to have kept Mrs Lewis in our team and I'm very grateful for her continued leadership of the Early Years.

We are really looking forward to welcoming the children in to Reception and getting to know all of our families. Please don't hesitate to contact us, if we can help in any way.

Yours sincerely

Mr Thomas Clarke – Principal











