



Welton Primary School

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Welcome and Important Information for the Start of Term (New Year R)

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we move closer to the start of your child's journey at Welton Primary School, I wanted to take this moment to welcome your family to ours. We know that this can be an anxious and exciting time for both your child and you as you cross this important milestone and we want to make sure this is a smooth and enjoyable process. This letter should give you some useful information to help the year get off to a smooth start.

Transition into school

Term 1 begins on Monday 2nd September which is an INSET day for staff. The children begin school on **Tuesday 3rd September** and our transition for the new reception class looks as follows:

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| WC 3rd September | Children in school until 1pm (please provide packed lunch) |
| WC 9th September onwards | Children in school full time |

Drop off arrangements

The gates to school will open at 8:30, please wait outside the gates to the Starling Class outdoor area.

The first bell will go at 8:40, at which time the Starling Class team will open the doors and welcome the children in. We know that this separation can be challenging and we find that what works best is the children saying their goodbyes at the bottom of the Starling Class steps. If your child becomes very upset, we will give you a phone call to let you know how they are and put your mind at ease.

Pick up arrangements

In the first week, please wait at the Key Stage 1 Gate (to the right of the front of school). We will bring the children up to you at 1pm.

From the second week you should wait in our outside area as you would at drop off. The school day finishes at 3:15pm. One of the team will stand at the door and send the children out once a named adult has been seen (please bear with us in the first few weeks as we get to know all of your faces, we may also need to check who has permission to pick up). If you are ever going to be late or someone different will be picking up, please contact the office as soon as you can.

School lunches

Once the term begins you will be issued with a letter about the ParentPay online payment system and how to order school lunches. We urge you to sign your children up, even the fussiest of eaters will often try something new if all their friends are enjoying it.

Equipment

The children need to bring the following **named** items to school each day:

School bag, water bottle, lunch box, waterproof coat and reading folder (once they have one).

Additionally, children should bring the following **named** items to leave in school:

PE kit (this bag might include some spare clothes) and wellies.

Our relationship with you

We really value our relationship with parents and know that communication is key to this. The Early Years Foundation Stage curriculum is a joint effort between both school and home and we hope to be able to share with you regularly.

We will communicate with you through our school webpage, which will be updated with photos, news and information every week. If we need to pass on a message we will write this in your child's reading record and leave it open in their reading folder so that you spot it, we will also try and speak to you directly, after school or via phone call if necessary. Similarly, if you wish to pass on a message to us, using your child's reading record is the best way, contact the office or catch one of the team after school. All email correspondence must go through the office and not directly to staff.

In addition to this, we will send home an overview and photo page at the end of each term for you to share with your child and talk about all the things they have done. We will also provide a blank page so that you can send us some photos or drawings of what you get up to during school holidays. There will also be opportunities throughout the year for you to come in and share some learning with your child.

I am sure there will be more information to share with you once the school year gets underway. Until then I hope that you enjoy your last week of summer holiday and everyone at Welton is looking forward to welcoming you on the 3rd September.

Yours Sincerely

Mrs Blackmore

Starling Class Teacher