



Summerfields PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Carer

STARTING SCHOOL - SEPTEMBER 2022

We are really excited to welcome you to Summerfields Primary School. We would like to invite you to a welcome meeting on Wednesday 22nd June 2022 at 5:00pm in the school hall. You will get the chance to hear more about our school and meet the staff too. There will also be a range of key people who work in conjunction with the school to support your child such as school nurse, Education Welfare team, uniform suppliers etc.

At this meeting you will hear about the important things you can do at home to help prepare your child for their first year at school. There will be a great deal of information being shared which will make the transition to primary school run more smoothly, therefore we would advise that if possible that you don't bring your child. However, please bring in your child's original birth certificate for us to copy for our records.

During this meeting you will hear about the planned activities to help your child transition well into school. The first activities are in the form of 'stay and play sessions'. These will take place every day from Monday 27th June 2022 to Thursday 30th June 2022 from 3:15pm to 4pm. You and your child are welcome to attend one or two sessions, as you feel appropriate. These will take place in their new classroom and outdoor areas. During the meeting we will ask you to sign up for the dates you require so we can be fully prepared!

Children who are currently attending Bright Sparks Preschool will be visiting the classroom for storytimes during June and July and eating lunch in the school hall to experience that aspect of school life too! If your child is not at Bright Sparks and you would like to bring them for a story time and/or lunch please contact the office to make arrangements.

Children will be invited to join us for half a day on Tuesday 12th July 2022 as part of our whole school 'Move up Day.' Again, we will ask you to sign up for your preference of morning or afternoon at the welcome meeting.

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On 22nd June 2022 we will be sharing information regarding the benefits of home visits which will take place in September 2022. These will give us an opportunity to talk to you about your child, interact with your child and ask any questions you may have. The home visits and one afternoon for your child to attend school will begin the week of September 5th 2022. This will enable us to complete 6 home visits each day and that same afternoon the children come into school. The following week will be a staggered transition with the oldest children starting first. All children will be in full time by September 12th 2022. Further details will be clarified at the meeting.

If your child has been identified as having additional needs, medical or educational, please contact the school via email office@summerfields.iow.sch.uk as soon as possible.

As well as meeting the children in our school setting, a member of the EYFS team will visit all children in their current pre-schools/childcare setting, getting to know your child in an environment familiar to them. They will also have the opportunity to speak to your child's Key Worker. These visits will take place during, June and July 2022.

We hope you are able to join us for this meeting and hope to be able to answer any questions you may have. If you cannot attend please let us know by calling the school office on 525085.

We are looking forward to spending the next seven years working in partnership with you and your child. Please be rest assured that we will do our very best to give your child a happy and successful experience at Summerfields Primary School. If you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact a member of our team via the school office, we are always happy to help.

Yours sincerely



Mrs Melanie Gartell
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