



WELLAND ACADEMY

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Dear Parent / Carer,

Thank you for your patience while we organise our transition for your child into Welland Academy in September. We hope the parents that took part in the virtual 1:1 sessions found them useful.

Due to the current circumstances and in order for your child to have a smooth transition into school we have revised our transition period and have arranged the following.

Important Information

Transition will take place over 4 weeks with the aim of increasing your child's time in their classroom without the parent there. We are very mindful that many children have not been without you for a long period of time and know that they may find it difficult to be left on their own.

Week 1 Tuesday 8th September until Friday 11th September

Stay and Play sessions in small groups with one parent/carer. You will be given a half an hour session every day for you to come and play with your child in order for them to get use to the environment and the adults.

Due to restrictions on social distancing we can only accommodate 5 children/parents in each class at a time.

Week 2 Monday 14th September until Friday 18th September

Your child will be invited to spend longer in the classroom (without the parent). The time will be the same everyday.

Week 3 Monday 21st September until Friday 25th September

Your child will be allocated an afternoon or a morning session.

Week 4 Monday 28th September until Friday 2nd October

The aim will be for your child to be in full time, however some children may need to continue with shorter transition sessions and this will be reviewed between the teacher and the parent.

You will receive another letter by the end of this week confirming your child's class and teacher, what group you have been allocated for the stay and play sessions and whether your child will be an AM or PM child for the Week 3 Sessions.

To help your and child, and the school staff, it is really important for you to prepare your child for school by doing the following;

- Ensuring they can dress themselves
- Can wash their hands
- Use a tissue themselves for runny noses
- Eat their lunch unsupported, using a knife and fork when appropriate
- Be able to go to the toilet without support
- Be able to make simple needs known to others (for eg toilet, help, if they're hurt)
- Developing a morning routine so that they are used to being up and ready for school

When you bring your child to school, please come to the gates to the EYFS outdoor area (in front of the Academy's main office) to enter the school. Whilst waiting I request that you pay attention to social distancing and use the markers on the path.

Tapestry

Tapestry is an online tool used in school to capture your child's development and we encourage parents to actively use it. During the first week, the EYFS team will support you logging on and using the app. You will then be able to see photographs and films of your child in school and share what your child has achieved at home. It can also be used as an effective means to ask questions to your child's teacher and for them to share future learning opportunities with you.

As restrictions are in place in school, information regarding our safety measures and organisation will follow in a letter that has been sent to all parents.

If you have, any queries do not hesitate to contact us. We look forward to meeting you.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "J Anderson".

J Anderson - Principal