



Dear Parents and Carers

I am very excited to be able to extend a very warm welcome to you and your child from Hampton Primary School. Whether you are an existing or new parent, we will endeavour to ensure your child's time here is filled with amazing learning experiences, lasting friendships and happiness.

On the evening of **Monday 8th June**, you are invited to attend an information sharing session starting promptly at 5:00pm. **PLEASE NOTE: THIS IS FOR PARENTS AND CARERS ONLY.** On this evening, you will receive a welcome pack which will inform you of the class your child is going to be in including dates and times of play sessions taking place in July and again in the first week of term in September. You will also have the opportunity to visit your child's class, meet their teacher and other adults, trial some food from the school menu and sign up for a home visit which will take place between 16th June and 1st July. Home visits enable staff to meet your child in their own environment where they feel comfortable and relaxed. The visit also provides you with the opportunity to ask any questions you may have about your child starting school. At the home visit, your child will also be given a **complimentary book bag** so please do not go out and buy one of these!

During the play sessions in July, there will be an opportunity for you to join other parents in the school hall for refreshments where our PTA will be selling school uniform. You can find more information about school uniform in the welcome pack. At the play sessions we will provide children with a social story which will enable your child(ren) to become a little more familiar with what to expect when they start Hampton; who their adults will be, their classroom and the structure of the school day. Please take the time to share this regularly with your child over the summer holidays – it is a valuable resource and one that we continue to produce due to the huge amount of positive feedback we receive every year from our new parents and carers.

During the September play sessions, if your child is happy to be left, we ask that you take the opportunity to have an hour to yourself and leave your child in the capable hands of our wonderful Foundation Stage teachers and support staff. The sooner your child knows that you will be leaving them at school and coming back to collect them later, the more easily they will settle when they start part time.

First Week of Term

Additional play sessions will take place on the 2nd, 3rd and 4th September and on one of these dates, you and your child will be invited to attend a trial lunch. Trial lunches are an opportunity for you and your child to experience what lunch times will be like and to reduce any worries you or your child may have. Following the play sessions, your child will start school **part-time only** on **Monday 7th September**.

For the part time sessions, your child will be attending in the morning **or** in the afternoon. You will find out whether your child will have a morning or afternoon session when you receive your child's welcome pack on 8th June. **Your child will attend school part-time between Monday 7th September and Thursday 10th September and their first full time day will be on Friday 11th September (8:40pm-3:10pm).**

A proposed timetable of the times and dates of home visits, play sessions and trial lunches can be found overleaf.

At Hampton, we pride ourselves on how smoothly the children transition from Nursery to school and this is mainly due to the amount of settling in time that we allow for the children before they start full time. We understand that many children are currently attending nursery full time, however starting school puts very different demands on your child, both emotionally, socially and academically. Attending school part time for the first week is a crucial settling in period which enables your child to build positive trusting relationships with their adults and peers and get used to new routines and their environment without feeling too overwhelmed and anxious.

If your child is struggling and not ready for school full time after their first week of part time sessions, the class teachers will speak to you as parents and carers about the possibility of extending their part time hours for longer until they are ready to attend for the whole day. Every decision we make has every child's wellbeing and happiness at the forefront.

We look forward to welcoming you and your child over the next few months and starting their exciting journey into education. Please do not hesitate to contact us should you have any queries.

Yours sincerely

Ms Y Nunn
Headteacher

Proposed Timetable

You will find out which class your child is in and if your child is attending part time in the morning or afternoon on the evening of Monday 8th June. If you are unable to attend on this evening, your welcome packs will be sent to you after this date.

Home Visit Days – Home visits last approximately 20 mins

Busy Bees Class Tuesday 16 th June Monday 22 nd June Wednesday 1 st July	Ladybirds Class Wednesday 17 th June Tuesday 23 rd June Friday 3 rd July	Butterflies Class Friday 19 th June Wednesday 24 th June Monday 29 th June
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You will be able to sign up for these on the evening of the 8th June when you know which class your child will be in.

Play Sessions in July

Your child will be invited to **TWO** play sessions in July. Information on which play sessions your child can attend will be included in their welcome pack.

<u>Play sessions for children attending part time in the morning:</u> Monday 6 th July - 9:30-10:30am and Tuesday 7 th July - 1:30-2:30pm	<u>Play sessions for children attending part time in the afternoon:</u> Wednesday 8 th July - 9:30 – 10:30am and Thursday 9 th July - 1:30 – 2:30pm
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Play sessions in September

Your child will be invited to attend **THREE** play sessions in September.

<u>Play sessions for children attending part time in the morning:</u> Wednesday 2 nd September - 9:15-10:15am Thursday 3 rd September - 9:15-10:15am Friday 4 th September - 9:15-10:15am	<u>Play sessions for children attending part time in the afternoon:</u> Wednesday 2 nd September - 10:45-11:45am Thursday 3 rd September - 10:45-11:45am Friday 4 th September - 10:45-11:45am
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Trial lunch sessions – starting at 1:15pm

You and your child will be invited to attend the trial lunch session of the class they are in. **Please come in to school through the School Foyer/Office.**

Busy Bees Class – Wednesday 2nd September

Ladybirds Class – Thursday 3rd September

Butterflies Class – Friday 4th September

Part time sessions

Your child will be allocated a morning or afternoon session depending on the class they are in and their date of birth. Younger children will be attending in the morning and older children in the afternoon. **This will be indicated on the front of your welcome pack which will be given to you on 8th June.**

Monday 7th September – Thursday 10th September

Younger children – 8.40am - 11:30am

Older children – 12:30pm – 3:10pm

Full time Sessions 8:40am – 3:10pm

Your child will be full time from **Friday 11th September**

Foundation Stage class doors will be open from 8:30am to come into class. Registration is at 8:40am. Children can be collected from their classrooms at the end of the day in the Foundation Stage outdoor area at 3:10pm

Our Foundation Stage area can be accessed via the single Foundation Stage gate next to the PTA kiosk. The gate will be open from 8:30am in the morning for your child to be dropped to their class door and opened again at 3:10pm for you to collect your child from class.