



Christ Church CE Primary School

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Dear Prospective Parents and Carers,

This week you will have received notification from the Local Authority that your child has been offered a place at our School. We are delighted! I am writing to welcome you to our School Community and to let you know about some events which will help you and your child get ready for September.

There is also a book and card for your child which we would be grateful if you could pass on. We want your child to have a positive experience of school from the very start and know that we are so excited that they are coming to join us.

Stay & Play

Every week on a Wednesday morning from 9.30 – 10.30am, we welcome pre-schoolers and their parents/carers to come and join Red Class for a range of activities. Childrensworld, an on-site pre-school and before/after school-care provider also come over and join in the fun. This happens most weeks (except special occasions like a Red Class school trip on 21st June) and you can ring the School Office or email to let us know you are coming, or just turn up.

Induction Events

We have a staggered set of induction events to help your child feel comfortable in the school environment. We also welcome parents (or another family member if you are working) to some of them as we know it is important children feel that there is a strong Home/School partnership. There is a reply slip attached to this letter so that you can let us know which of these events you are able to make and give us emergency contact details etc.

1. Monday 19th June 1.15 – 3.00pm Forest School session with a carer present

A chance to meet and chat to Mrs Martin (the Red Class teacher) in an informal outdoor setting whilst enjoying our lovely school grounds. This will also give parents the opportunity to meet each other, as you will spend lots of time at school events. An adult will need to be present for each child. For Forest School we recommend children wear wellies, have clothes which cover arms and legs in case of nettle stings etc. and bring a set of waterproofs in case of rain. We do have some spares if this is a problem.

2. Week beginning 19th and 26th June Home visits

Mrs Martin will come and spend 45 minutes – 1 hour with each family in their home. This is so we can hear from you about your child, their likes and dislikes. You can tell us about any particular health concerns or other worries. We can give you induction packs with lots of forms to fill in and information about school uniform, the school day and other important details. A chance for you to get to know Mrs Martin who will be so important in helping your child to make a good start in school. Your child might be at home during this meeting but if they are at nursery/pre-school, do not worry.

3. Thursday 29th June 9.15 – 12.30 Morning in Red Class with Parents' Lunch

Children can be dropped off by parents in Red Class and we ask that you leave as soon as they are settled, so that they have some time in the class with their new friends. We welcome parents back





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at 11.50am to join in lunchtime and see how the school dinners operate. Your child will be entitled to a free hot lunch in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2, so it is important that you know what happens at this stage of the day. After lunch we ask that you then take children off site or back to Childrensworld, from the Hall, rather than join in playtime outside, as it can be daunting for our other children to have unknown (to them) adults out at lunchtime. You and your child are welcome to order a hot lunch or bring a packed lunch.

4. Tuesday 4th July 'Move Up' Morning 9.15 – 12.30 with lunch on their own

The whole school has a 'Move Up' morning where they are in their new classes and so the Reception children will be with their Year 1 classmates. Again, we ask that you leave as soon as they are settled (to join in the Meet the Head) and return to collect them at 12.30pm. They will have lunch with Red Class adults helping them and will then go and play in the Red Class outdoor area until collected by you or Childrensworld (if they would normally be there).

5. Tuesday 4th July Meet the Headteacher and Office Staff 9.15 – 10.15

After you have dropped your child off for 'Move Up' morning, there will be an opportunity to have coffee/cake with the Head and Office Staff and talk practicalities and ask any question that you would like. We can talk endlessly, with enthusiasm about the children and the school day but this is your chance to have any query answered that has arisen in the induction process, so far!

6. Thursday 13th July A whole school day 9.00 – 3.15

We have found that experiencing a whole school day at this stage gives children confidence.

Practicalities

We appreciate that not everyone will be able to come to all the events, though you are very welcome. Please send the slip back into school as soon as possible. We will allocate home school appointments on a first come, first served basis. When you are in the school building and grounds we ask that you sign in at the Main Entrance and read the Visitor's Code of Conduct which has important details about keeping all our children safe. For example, only using adult toilets and not entering the children's toilets – if your child wishes you to accompany them to the toilet whilst you are in, please use the Adult toilet with disabled access which is opposite Red Class. We are also a no phone zone, so any mobile phones need to be switched to silent and kept out of sight.

As a parent of three children myself I remember how daunted and excited I was in equal measure as they took this important stage in their development and how many questions I had about what they would be doing at school! Do look at our school website www.christchurchcressage.co.uk which has lots of information, along with our Facebook and Twitter feeds which will give you a flavour of school life (search for @ChristChurch SY5 or see links from the website front page). However at times, there is no substitute for a face-to-face conversation, so if you are left with questions or queries, please do ask them. I very much look forward to working with you and your child over the next years.

Kind regards,

Tracey Cansdale, Head





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Name of Child:	
Date of Birth:	
Parents' Names:	
1 st Emergency Contact Number for use during induction events	Name: Number:
2 nd Emergency Contact Number for use during induction events	Name: Number:
Does your child have any medical matters/health concerns that we should be aware of during these induction events e.g. food allergies/asthma	Yes/No If yes please give details:
Monday 19th June 1.15 – 3.00pm Forest School session with a carer present	My child will be present Yes/No If yes: name of accompanying adult:
Thursday 29th June 9.15 – 12.30 Morning in Red Class with Parents' Lunch	My child will be present Yes/No If yes: name of adult(s) who will be coming for lunch at 11.50am: I would like to order a hot lunch for my child Yes/No I would like to order ____ adult hot lunches.
Tuesday 4th July 'Move Up' Morning 9.15 – 12.30 with lunch on their own	My child will be present Yes/No If yes: name of adult(s) who will be collecting them at 12.30pm: I would like to order a hot lunch for my child Yes/No
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<p>Home Visits week beginning 19th and 26th June Available slots: please rank your availability from 1 (most convenient) to 15 (least convenient) and we will try to give you a time that suits. We will be in touch week beginning 15th May to confirm slots.</p>	<p>Thursday 15th June</p> <p>1pm</p> <p>2pm</p> <p>3pm</p> <p>4pm</p>	<p>Please number from 1 (most convenient) to 15 (least convenient):</p>
	<p>Friday 16th June</p> <p>9am</p> <p>10am</p> <p>11am</p> <p>1pm</p> <p>2pm</p> <p>3pm</p> <p>4pm</p>	
	<p>Thursday 22nd June</p> <p>1pm</p> <p>2pm</p> <p>3pm</p> <p>4pm</p>	

Please return this form to the School Office, **as soon as possible and by Friday 12th May** at the latest, so we can be in touch about Home Visit times. Please also enclose money for School Lunches, as your child is not yet funded for free lunches. School lunches cost £2.10 per child and £3.10 per adult. Cheques should be made payable to Shropshire Council.

I enclose _____ for _____ child lunches and _____ for _____ adult lunches.

Signed:

Dated:

