



Itchen Abbas Primary School

Growing Hearts and Minds



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Dear Parent/Carers

Welcome to Itchen Abbas Primary School! I am delighted to hear that your child will be joining our school in Year R in September. I am very excited to be welcoming my first cohort of children into our school as the recently appointed Headteacher, and getting to know you and your children. I look forward to meeting you and I hope the information below gives you some useful information about the process of starting school.

Year R 2023 Induction programme

Our induction programme for our new Year R children takes place in July and has been designed for you to get to know us and for us to get to know you and your child/children. The programme enables us to support your child/children coming into school feeling ready and looking forward to starting school. In our welcome meeting for parents, we will give you lots of information about the practicalities of school life and how your child/children will spend their time on a typical day. If you have any questions, we can answer them for you at this meeting. However, if you have any questions regarding the induction programme, please contact Mrs Smith in the school office.

During the summer term, we will also be working with staff in your child's/children's current pre-school or nursery to ensure that we have a clear understanding of your child's/children's progress so far and to learn more about their likes and dislikes to help them settle in with us smoothly and quickly.

Our induction sessions are as follows:

A meeting for parents/carers to find out all about school life.

Tuesday 27th June 10.00 am to 11.15 am - Welcome to Itchen Abbas Primary School

Opportunities for you and your child/children to come and take part in some activities and explore the environment alongside our current Year R children.

- **Thursday 6th July between 1.30 pm and 2.30 pm – Stay and Play**
- **Tuesday 11th July between 1.30 pm and 2.30 pm – Stay and Play**
- **Monday 17th July between 1.30 pm to 2.30 pm – Stay and Play**

Home Visits

We offer home visits for all our year R children. The class teacher and another member of school staff will come to you for a short visit. The purpose is firstly to show your children that we are trusted adults and that you trust us enough to invite us into your home. The second purpose is to give you the opportunity to talk to us in private about anything you would like us to know about your child/children and family. We value these meetings very much and hope you will too.

Home visits will take place in the weeks beginning Monday 3rd July and Monday 10th July, they will last 20-30 minutes. We will do our best to provide you with a slot of your choice and will be in touch with you directly to arrange this.

Starting School in September

Our new Year R children have an adjusted timetable for their first week to support their settling into the school routine. The timetable for your child/children will be as follows:

Monday 4th and Tuesday 5th September 8.25 am to 11.30 am - Morning sessions only.

Wednesday 6th and Thursday 7th September 8.25 am to 12.50 pm - Morning sessions and lunch.

Friday 9th September 8.25 am to 3.00 pm – All day

From Monday 11th September – children attend school full time from 8.25 am (gates open at 8.15 am) to 3.00pm.

All children to attend school full time unless agreed otherwise by the headteacher.

Please let us know if you are able to attend the parent/carer meeting or the Stay and Play sessions by completing the Google Form via the below link by Friday 23rd June 2023.

<https://forms.gle/HvffDggcreyCfL9fA>

We are very much looking forward to meeting you all and getting to know you and your children. If you have any questions or are unable to attend our meeting date, please do not worry; contact the school office and we will ensure you receive the information you will need.

Yours sincerely



Rob Bogan
Headteacher