

TADDINGTON/PRIESTCLIFFE PRIMARY SCHOOL



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Dear Parents of _____

I am delighted that _____ has been offered a place to join our school in September and would like to take this opportunity to extend a warm welcome to you all.

Taddington & Priestcliffe School is a friendly, happy, family school and we are looking forward to working with you over the next 7 years. In order to make the transition as smooth as possible, we would like to invite _____ to join us in school on the following sessions:

Friday 21 st June	9:30-11:30 (with parents)
Tuesday 25 th June	1:15-2:45 (with parents)
Monday 1 st July	10:00- 12:00
Thursday 11 th July	10am - 1pm (includes lunch time)

Parents are invited to accompany their children on the first 2 visits to ease their transition into primary school education. Parents are also invited to our information evening on Tuesday 10th July at 6:00pm when they will have an opportunity to talk to staff.

If you would like a meeting with me, or a chance to look around the school, please contact the office and we will be pleased to make an appointment for you. If you feel your child would benefit from additional visits, or you are unable to visit on the above dates, please contact school to arrange a suitable time.

In addition, you will be offered a chance to have a home visit in the week preceding your child's entry into school. Your child's reception teacher will come to visit you and your child at home for about half an hour.

The session is very informal and is aimed at giving your child the chance to meet their teacher in the comfort and security of their own home. The teacher will be able to chat to your child about their interests, their family, pets etc. and will also be able to answer any questions they may have about starting school. It also gives you, the parent or carer a chance to discuss any concerns you may have about your child starting school.

Home visits are very popular with the children as they have a chance to show their teacher where they live and to chat to them in a calm, one to one situation, without there being lots of other children around. As a school, we encourage all families to take up the opportunity to have a home visit.

Please complete the attached forms and return to school by Friday 14th June.

We look forward to meeting you.

Yours sincerely

Mr Handley
Headteacher

Home visits

Although the new school term at Taddington & Priestcliffe School begins on Tuesday 3rd September 2019, **for new reception children they will begin a day later on Wednesday 4th September.** This is to enable the whole school community to settle back into school and prepare for our new arrivals. As a result the home visits will be offered during the day on Tuesday 3rd September.