

April 2024

First Visits to School – Wednesday 8th May 9.30am-10.30am

Open Evening – Wednesday 15th May 3.30pm-5.30pm

New Parent Meeting Thursday 6th June 9.15am-10.45am

Dear Parents and Carers

Firstly, we would like to take this opportunity to officially welcome you to the Solent Infant School Community. This is the beginning of a very exciting journey for your child and the wider family. It is a time of great change too and for this reason we like to make the transition into school a very positive experience.

First Visits to School

You will be aware that there are a whole series of visits that are made leading up to September. We have already begun to visit many Nurseries and Pre-Schools ourselves to meet some of your children and their keyworkers. The principle aim of these visits is to make sure that the process is as seamless and supportive as possible. As part of the starting school process, we will be holding ‘First Visits to School’ where the children come in and spend time in their new school environment.

If your child does not attend one of the following pre-schools:

Little Stars, Farlington Day, Peacocks, Dolls House, Drayton Daisy Chain, Little People

we would like to invite them to come and visit us on the following date:

Wednesday 8 th May	Group B (children born between 1 Mar and 31 Aug)	9.30am – 10.30am
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Please confirm with the school office if you are able to attend.

On the day of your visit, please arrive at the school office 5 minutes before the scheduled session time. The Reception staff will then take your child down to their new class to spend an hour getting to know their peers and adults. We then ask that you return just before 10.30am to collect your child, at the end of the session.

Open Afternoon

We are also very aware that your child’s move into school is often of great interest to wider family members or other key people in their lives. Therefore, we would very much like to extend an invitation to your wider family, or close friends, who have all played an important part in your child’s life so far. This may include grandparents, aunts and uncles, child-minders or close family friends. It will be an ideal opportunity for them to become familiar with the Solent ethos, environment and meet our team. We would like to invite you along



with your child to our **'Open Afternoon' being held on Wednesday 15th May between 3.30pm-5.30pm.** To enable you to make the most of this visit, we are asking all attendees to book a scheduled time slot for their visit (you only need to make one booking per family). Please [CLICK HERE](#) to book your preferred time.

During the Open Afternoon, you will have the opportunity to wander around the whole school and meet the teaching staff team. These will not be guided tours. However, we do ask that you follow our suggested one-way system around the school. This will ensure that you will not miss out on any of our provision. Teachers and Learning Support Assistants from the Reception Team will be available in their classrooms to meet you and are happy to discuss any matter of interest. Teachers from Years 1 and 2 will also be in their classrooms and look forward to meeting you. There may also be representatives present from: The Local Governing Body, The Friends of the Solent Schools, before and after school providers and school meals provider. There will also be an opportunity to view school uniform and buy various school-related items such as a fruit bag.

New Parent and Carer Meeting (Thursday 6th June 9.15am-10.45am)

As part of the induction process, we would also like to invite you to come into school to attend a parent and carer meeting. This meeting will give you an opportunity to find answers to all of those questions that we are sure you already have. In addition to this we will be discussing your child's induction visits and arrangements for starting school. You will also meet some of our Reception team, be given the opportunity to buy school items and meet other parents and carers. This meeting is for parents and carers only and we ask that on this occasion you do not bring your child with you. They will have their own opportunities to come and get to know the school later on.

We are very much looking forward to meeting you all at the open afternoon and the new parent and carer meeting.

Yours sincerely

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Head of School

