High Ham Church of England Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers.

Reception September 2024 Starters

I am delighted to welcome you to our school and I hope that you are all excited about this next step in your child's life. This letter outlines our planned induction activities and the next steps for yourselves.

You should have received your offer of a place at High Ham from 'Somerset Council Admissions' on Tuesday 16th April. Following this, please look out for a welcome postcard from the school.

What do I need to do?

Please go to the 'New Starters' page on our website and follow the steps listed there. https://www.highhamprimary.co.uk/school-life/newstarters/

Induction Information

Open Evening: Tuesday 11th June, 4:30pm

Please come along with your child (and family, if you wish) and meet the class teacher, Mrs Amy Palmer. You will have chance to stay in the classroom and explore some of the resources with your child. We will then give a short presentation, where you will get to meet some other members of our school team. The children will be welcome to stay in the classroom with our staff.

Visits to Preschool Settings

During the last week of June, Mrs Palmer will visit the children at their preschool setting.

Induction Afternoons: Monday 1st July and Tuesday 2nd July

This is an opportunity for your child to become more familiar with our school setting and their new classroom. Please bring your child to the front gate at 1:45pm and collect them at 3:00pm. If your child attends High Ham Preschool on that day, the preschool staff will drop them off and collect them.

What will happen in September?

Week beginning Wednesday 4th September (Tuesday is an INSET day for staff and school is closed to pupils)

Children arrive for the 8:55am register (please note that the school gates open from 8:45am) and are collected at 12:00pm.

Week beginning Monday 9th September

Children are full time and are collected at 3:30pm.













What happens at morning drop off?

When you arrive, please bring your child to the front gate where you will be met by a member of staff. They will show you where you need to go. Our usual procedure is that children are left at the gate and parents and carers say goodbye there. We understand that during the early weeks Reception children may need more support, and so if you want to, you may walk your child to the classroom door.

What happens at pick-up time?

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At the end of the day (3:30pm) you need to come through the main entrance and walk around the side of the school building. You collect your child outside of their classroom. You will then need to walk around the school and out of the gate near the preschool, as we operate a one-way system. There will be members of staff outside to help direct you in the first few weeks.

I appreciate that there is a lot of information when your child starts school. If you have any questions, please email the school office.

Everyone at High Ham is looking forward to working with you over the next seven years and we welcome you to our school community.

Kind regards

Ann Edwards

Headteacher and Designated Safeguarding Lead











