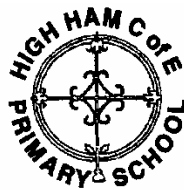


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Dear Parents and Carers

Reception 2023 September 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 receive your offer of a place at High Ham from 'Somerset County Admissions' on Monday the 17th 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/>

What will happen in the summer?

We will write to you again confirming the class teacher's name and reminding you of the induction dates.

Open Evening: Monday 12th June 2023

Please come along with your child (and family if you wish) and we will give you a tour of the school. There will be an opportunity to meet some members of our school team.

In order to manage the flow of people around the school please arrive at the following times:

4:30pm: Children who currently attend High Ham Preschool (surnames A – M)

4:45pm: Children who currently attend High Ham Preschool (surnames N – Z)

5:00pm: Children who attend any other pre-school or nursery setting.

Visits to Preschool Settings

During the last week of June, the class teacher will visit the children at their preschool setting.

Induction Afternoons Monday 26th June and Tuesday 27th June 2023

This is an opportunity for your child to become 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 they will drop them off and collect them.

What will happen in September?

Week beginning Tuesday 5th September (Monday is an INSET day for staff and is closed to pupils)

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

Week beginning Monday 11th 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 say goodbye there. We understand that during the early weeks Reception children may need more support and so if you want to, you can walk your child to the classroom door.

What happens at pick-up time?

At the end of the day (3:30pm) you need to come through the main entrance and walk around the side of the 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.

Yours faithfully



Ann Edwards
Acting Headteacher

