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May 2023

Dear Parent/Carer,

Congratulations! Your child has successfully gained a place at Norwood Primary School.

The first year within primary school is the final year of the Early Years Foundation Stage. The Early Years Foundation Stage sets the standards for learning, development and care for children from birth to five. Much of the learning within the Foundation Stage is activity based and all adults involved with each child are expected to support their development to create a complete picture of your child's achievements.

Towards the end of this Summer Term, your child is invited to attend two *New to Norwood* sessions. During these visits, you and your child will have the opportunity to meet all of the adults that will be supporting their learning and have the opportunity to explore their surroundings. You are invited to the following New to Norwood clubs:

Thursday 29th June (group 2 only)
Thursday 6th July (all children)

Each visit will be from 9:30am until 11.00am. Please enter and exit school via Elter Walk gate entrance and walk round to the Reception Outdoor Area (green fenced area) and sign in. We ask that a familiar adult accompanies your child, preferably a parent/carers, at each of the two visits. This will be a chance for your child to familiarise themselves with the setting and to meet some of their classmates with whom they will be spending the Reception year with.

On **Thursday 6th July** (the second visit) we ask all parents/carers to attend a *New to Norwood* Fayre whilst all of the children get to know each other in the classroom. During this time, forms can be handed in and there will be people to meet.

- Caterlink (our school dinner provider) will provide samples of the school dinner menu for you to taste.
- Play House will also be in attendance - they are a before and after school provision that a number of our parents/carers use.
- We will also have samples of our school uniform, including water bottles and book bags, which you can purchase at Chroma Sports <https://www.chromasport.co.uk/>

We use a company called 'Cool Milk'. This company provide free milk for all children up until their 5th birthday. If you would like this provision for your child, please register your child by simply visiting www.coolmilk.com and select 'register my child for school milk'. This will be the same procedure if you would like your child to continue to receive milk past their 5th birthday but you will select 'pay for your child's school milk'. Please see a member of the Reception Team if you require more information.

Please also see below link regarding applying online to see if your child is eligible for Free School Meals. This will also mean that the school will receive additional funding called Pupil Premium. You will receive an instant response by clicking on www.cambridgeshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals

When September arrives, we follow a part time timetable to ensure that your child settles into Norwood happily and as comfortably as possible. Attached is a timetable of when we start in September. Your child has been allocated the **Group 2** sessions for their part-time transition arrangements.

We encourage children to attend each of the session to support your child's transition to Primary School and to ensure that parents/carers are fully informed. If you have any questions, please contact school on 01733 574717 or alternatively email at office@norwoodschool.co.uk

We look forward to meeting you!

Yours faithfully,

Mrs D. Reynolds
Headteacher

Mrs J. Cockerill
Deputy Headteacher

Mrs L. Blake
EYFS Leader





Timetable for Reception Intake September 2023

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| Dates | | Morning Session | Afternoon Session |
| Monday 4 th September | Tuesday 5 th September | School Visits | School Visits |
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| Wednesday 6 th September | | Group 1– 9.15am – 11.15am | Group 2– 12.45pm – 2.45pm |
| Thursday 7 th September | | Group 1– 9.15am – 11.15am | Group 2– 12.45pm – 2.45pm |
| Friday 8 th September | | Group 1– 9.15am – 11.15am | Group 2– 12.45pm – 2.45pm |
| Monday 11 th September | Tuesday 12 th September | Group 1– 9.15am – 12:45pm <u>Children will have lunch at school</u> (Please inform a member of the Reception Team on the school visit if your child would like the hot school meal or the cold 'High Five' option) | Group 2– 11.15am – 2.45pm <u>Children will have lunch at school</u> (Please inform a member of the Reception Team on the school visit if your child would like the hot school meal or the cold 'High Five' option) |
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| Wednesday 13 th September | All Groups Full days from this week onwards * Doors Open 8.55am – 3.15pm | | |

*Please be aware that if any child is finding it difficult to settle, it is better to prolong the transition period and keep them on a part time timetable until they are comfortable in the setting.

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