

Dear Parent/Carers

### **Reception Classes for 20/21**

As you are aware at the start of the Autumn term we will have 42 children in our Reception classes. Many of whom are new to Birklands.

Decisions about which class a child should be in take time and decisions are based on dynamics within a cohort, as well as close friendships that have positive impacts in school.

Due to being unable to have our usual transition week and so make final decisions about Reception classes and knowing that starting school full-time is a big step, we have made the decision to build up to full-time.

The transition programme is outlined below:

- For the week commencing Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> September: all Reception children arrive at school for 9.30am and collected at 11.45am.
- Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September, Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> September and Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> September all Reception children in from 9.15am until 12.15pm. This will give the children an opportunity to have lunch before going home.
- Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> September and Friday 11<sup>th</sup> September all Reception children in from 9.15am until 2.50pm (please note this finish time may vary depending on staggered finish times across the school).
- Week commencing 14<sup>th</sup> September all Reception children in full-time with their class teacher.

Please note that until the 14<sup>th</sup> September our Reception children will not be able to access breakfast club.

If you have any questions you can contact us via our website or give us a call.



Mrs Smith  
Head of School