



'an academy to be proud of'  
7<sup>th</sup> September 2018

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Dear Parents/Carers and Children,

On behalf of our entire staff, we would like to welcome you to your brand-new school; Armfield Academy.

It is with tremendous honour and much enthusiasm that on behalf of all the staff I welcome you to the start of the new academic year, your transition into the Early Years and of course your new school with all its amazing facilities and classrooms. As parents you will fully appreciate it has been a long journey but we have finally got there. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Conlons for their efforts in ensuring Armfield Academy was ready to open and receive children. Much planning, CONSTRUCTION and hard work has gone into preparing for a successful first school year. Over the course of this week the Early Year's Team, led by Jan Shepherd, have been busily preparing your classrooms, organising various resources and getting familiar with the school ready to receive your children on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2018.

Basic Information for the first day/week:

- Early Years Children have been divided into morning sessions and afternoon sessions; all families know precisely which session they have been invited to.
- Morning sessions will run from 8:50AM to 11:45AM
- Afternoon Sessions will run from 12:15PM to 3:05PM
- Families and children should arrive via the main double-sided entrance on Arnold Avenue, not the Year 7 Gate (staff will be positioned to advise you).
- The main double-double sided entrance will be open from 8:35AM and 12:00PM respectively. Families and children will be greeted by our Year 7 ambassadors, who will escort you to the vicinity of the Reception Play area.
- Children will have the opportunity to play in this area for a short while prior to the sessions starting.
- Jan Shepherd and her team will be there to greet you and welcome you to the reception classrooms at 8:50AM or 12:15PM pending upon your invite.
- I will be there together with my staff, who will be positioned all around the Academy in Hi-Viz, should you need any additional support.

As you are aware the Academy opened for Year 7 Students at the start of the new term. The Year 7 students, the staff and I are really looking forward to welcoming our reception children.

I will write to you again next week with precise arrangements for the following week when all reception children will attend full days. I would like to remind parents and carers that Breakfast Club and Afterschool Club will start from Monday 17<sup>th</sup> September 2018.

Finally, I would like to thank all parents and carers for your continued support and understanding whilst Armfield Academy was under construction. I am sure there will be the odd bit of snagging here and there as with all new building projects but I am absolutely confident that you will agree that the wait was worth it. We have an incredible Academy, which truly is "An Academy to be Proud of". When the children are settled in it is my intention to organise an evening where parents will be able to come into Armfield, meet with my staff and I, tour the Academy and of course check on the progress of your children.

I look forward to working partnership and once again I thank you in advance of your continued support.

Yours faithfully,

  
Mark Kilmurray BA (Hons),  
Head of School

