



Birdsedge First School

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Dear New Team Member!

We are delighted to hear that you will be joining us here at Birdsedge First School in September and just wanted to write to you to say hello and tell you how much we are looking forward to meeting you.

September is always our favourite time of year when we have new children joining Class 1 and our wider school family. We hope you are looking forward to starting at Birdsedge First School in September as we much as all are looking forward to you joining us.

Please take a look inside this booklet for five things we would like to offer as part of your induction to our school. We are also of course always here along the way should you need any additional transition or adjustments to help – we always endeavour to work together to make things right and achievable for everyone 😊

We can't wait to see you soon!

Miss D Barker
Executive Headteacher



1. Forest Fun Play Session.

On Tuesday 9th June 4pm – 5pm, we would like to invite all children and a parent/carer(s) to come along to an outdoor Forest Fun play session here at school. This will include a tour of school with Miss Barker for anyone who would like one, a fun outdoor session with staff from school and a chance to meet the other children starting school with you in September.

We are doing this nice and early so induction packs can be shared and initial conversations about any questions or concerns you have around transition can be had and acted upon. Children will also receive a little starting school gift at the session too!

2. Visit to Current Nursery Setting

If your child currently attends a nursery or childcare setting, we will be arranging a handover meeting with staff who know your child there and hopefully be able to come and see your child there too! For anyone not currently in a setting please do speak to us on the 9th June and we can arrange a home visit instead.

3. Tree Tots



We have a passion for Early Years at Birdsedge First School and aim to make links with younger children and their families as soon as we can. Every Tuesday morning, we run a free 'Tree Tots' Session. A fun outdoor Forest School play experience for 2-4-year-olds and their parents or carers.



Tuesdays in Term Time
9:15am – 10:15am

Entrance Via the white school gate on Birdsedge Lane
Open and free to all 2 – 4-year-olds and a parent or carer.
No booking needed.

We have a free Tree Tots session at Birdsedge that runs every Tuesday 9:15am – 10:15am. This takes place in our school grounds and led by staff from school. You are welcome to come along any time - as well as lots of outdoor fun it will also provide some taster sessions for children to get to know their school and their future peers and

teachers.

4. Transition Week



The final week of this academic year is transition week in school, where we will be helping all children feel prepared for the new school year in September. We would love new children starting with us in September be a part of this too! The transition activities we would love you to join us for this are:

Monday 13th July 11:30am – 12:30pm: Stay and Play Lunch *All children and one parent/carer are invited to join us for lunch and a play. Please arrive at 11:30am where you can join us for lunch and stay to play for a little while afterwards.*

Tuesday 14th July 9:30am – 11am: Reception Morning Visit. *Children should be dropped off at 9:30am and collected at 11am*

4. September Phased Start



Our new school term starts on Wednesday 2nd September and although we have some transition plans that we hope will settle children, we know that there is a big school holiday after this too! We also know that starting school can be a big step that can take some getting used to. To try and ease children in we

are suggesting a slightly phased start to the new school year for Reception children:

Wednesday 2nd September: Morning Visit to new class. Drop off at 9:30am and collect at 12:30pm after lunch

Thursday 3rd September onwards: Full Day in school 8:45am – 3:30pm.

Being a small, family school we are really lucky at Birdsedge in being able to personalise so many things and starting school is one of them. For anyone with worries, finding the change difficult and needing some extra transition we will always work with you individually and plan for what is right for you. Any changes we need to make to point 5 as we go through the first week we will!



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roots to *grow*, and wings to *fly*. 