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Dear Parents and Carers,

Firstly, a very warm welcome to The Rackham. We are really looking forward to meeting everyone who is due to join us for the first time this September, as well as those whose families are already an important part of our school family.

### **Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> July 2023:**

This year we will be holding an informal get together on the school field.

During this session your child will have time to meet their class teacher and other children starting school in September. Your child will receive a welcome treat and a drink and have time to play with their new class friends. This is a wonderful opportunity to become familiar with our outdoor environment. Please see below for information on how to book a place.

### **Taster Afternoon**

We would like to invite your child to spend an afternoon with their new class teacher in their new classroom on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> July at 1.30pm.

Parents are welcome to stay with their child until 2pm and we will then encourage you to leave them for the second half of the session to give them the opportunity to play with friends and get to know the adults in school. You will then be able to collect them at 2.30pm from the red gates.

Refreshments will be available in the school hall from 2pm.

### **Booking**

Please complete this form: <https://forms.office.com/e/9p9YDuiq6p> to book a place for 4<sup>th</sup> July and/or the Taster afternoon on 12<sup>th</sup> July.

### **Parent's Information Evening: Monday 19<sup>th</sup> June 2023 6.00pm**

This year's information evening will be held in the school hall on **Monday 19<sup>th</sup> June 2023 at 6.00pm**. This evening is for parents only. No booking required.

## Transition into school September 2023



We will be offering a phased transition into school. The children will attend school part time for the two weeks beginning September 4<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>. We are then hoping the children will begin full time schooling the week beginning 18<sup>th</sup> September. Our aim is to ensure all children have a gentle, positive and happy start to their school experience where they are fully supported. Please see the table below for full details.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 1	4 <sup>th</sup> Sept	5 <sup>th</sup> Sept	6 <sup>th</sup> Sept	7 <sup>th</sup> Sept	8 <sup>th</sup> Sept
	8.30am – 12pm	8.30am – 12pm	8.30am – 12pm	8.30am – 12pm	8.30am – 12pm
Week 2	11 <sup>th</sup> Sept	12 <sup>th</sup> Sept	13 <sup>th</sup> Sept	14 <sup>th</sup> Sept	15 <sup>th</sup> Sept
	8.30am – 1.15pm including lunch	8.30am – 1.15pm including lunch	8.30am – 1.15pm including lunch	8.30am – 1.15pm including lunch	8.30am – 1.15pm including lunch
Week 3	18 <sup>th</sup> Sept	19 <sup>th</sup> Sept	20 <sup>th</sup> Sept	21 <sup>st</sup> Sept	22 <sup>nd</sup> Sept
	8.30am – 3.15pm Full time	8.30am – 3.15pm Full time	8.30am – 3.15pm Full time	8.30am – 3.15pm Full time	8.30am – 3.15pm Full time

## **School Uniform**

School uniform can be purchased online via <https://www.gooddies.co.uk/product-category/schools/rackham/> . Please order by 15<sup>th</sup> June 2023 to guarantee delivery to school before we close for summer.

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Please see details of our school uniform in the 'Uniform Policy' under the Children tab and clicking on 'Reception Intake 2023' from the drop down menu.

## **Communication with pre-schools and other settings**

We will contact your child's current setting before the end of the summer term. If a child has a particular need, a meeting may be arranged with the SENDCO and parents to discuss the transition process for the child. Please tell us your child's current setting by completing this form: <https://forms.office.com/e/6Y9ngTnLu1>

## **Home visits**

In the weeks when your child is part-time, we will invite you to book a home visit. This will be an opportunity for us to get to know you and your child better in a familiar home environment. You will be able to book a convenient time at the Parent meeting on 19<sup>th</sup> June. If you are unable to attend this meeting we will contact you afterwards with available times.

We very much look forward to beginning and for those that already have children in our school, strengthening our important partnership. In the meantime, should you have any questions then please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Oliver and Mrs Hailstone  
Early Years Team