



Dear Parents/Carers

We are very much looking forward to meeting you and your child in September. In order for us to help them to settle in we have decided to begin with half days before moving to full days on **Monday 14th September**. Starting school for the first time can be a big step for many children and their families. As we haven't been able to visit nurseries or invite the children into school due to Covid-19, we feel that starting part-time is the best way to ensure a smooth transition.

From **Thursday 3rd September** we will welcome groups of children back for either the morning or the afternoon session- this will not include lunchtimes. From **Monday 7th September** we will continue to do the same with the group who are attending the morning session but they will also be staying with us for lunch. On these days they will either need a packed lunch or you will need to order them a hot dinner by contacting the school reception. Your child is entitled to a free school meal until they reach the end of Year 2. You will need to ensure that you complete a menu order form- these can be found on our website under the 'School Meals' tab.

Each class will be split in half alphabetically so that we can keep group numbers below 15 children. Please see below details of which group your child will be in:

Mrs Fulcher and Mrs McEvoy (Class 1)	Surname As- Ma	Surname Mc- Za
	Group 1	Group 2

Mrs Adlesee (Class 2)	Surname Ad-Mor	Surname Mow-Zi
	Group 1	Group 2

Attached to this letter you will find a timetable which will explain which sessions we would like your child to come in for. **Children will be expected to wear school uniform** when they attend school and we require that this is washed each day or as regularly as possible to help us manage any potential spread of Covid-19. We ask that your child only brings with them essential items such as a water bottle and a coat. **Please read this letter in conjunction with the letter regarding our school re-opening for all children from September 2020.** This letter also outlines the timings and procedures that we will expect you to follow once your child starts with us full-time.

Our intention is that **every** child will start full time from **Monday 14th September**, however should we feel that your child is still finding transition particularly difficult, then we may look at extending this period on a case-by-case basis. This would not be a decision that we would take lightly and would need to be discussed with and agreed by myself and Mrs Beeby (SENDSCO).

We have a fantastic team here at Isaac Newton and our EYFS staff are very experienced in supporting children who are new to the school. They are warm, friendly and above all patient, so please rest assured that we will do everything to ensure that your child settles in. Many children adjust fantastically well to school although there can sometimes be a few tears on the first day(s) from both children **and parents!** We find that this is often short lived as children quickly adjust to their new routine and realise what a fantastic place school is. Attached to this letter there is also a school map, showing you the class entrance and exit points that you will need to use. Please also ensure that you follow the one way systems that we have in place- you must enter through the main gate and exit through the side gate.

Should you have any concerns or worries about school then please do not hesitate to talk to your child's class teacher. Myself, Mrs Pask and Mrs Beeby are also always on hand should you need us, and you will often find us out and about on the playground in the mornings! You can also contact the school office should you require further information or if you would like to get hold of us. You can also order items such as school uniform, PE kit, book bags and water bottles.

I would like to wish you all a wonderful summer break and I am very much looking forward to meeting you in September.

Kind Regards

Chris Heathcote
Headteacher

