



PARENTS GUIDE TO:

Admission and Induction Arrangements

Parent Guide No 7

'...achieving excellence for ourselves and others'

"The school has an outstanding ethos of care. Each pupil is valued as an individual."

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Our school runs a full range of highly effective admission and induction programmes so that parents are fully informed and children feel very confident about joining our school.

Admission Into Nursery:

Children can be admitted to our Nursery in the September following their second or third birthday. Admission forms are available from school and visits are always welcomed. Once your child has a confirmed place within our Nursery classes a full programme of induction for parents and pupils begins. This programme which includes presentations for parents, visit days for pupils and parents and many opportunities for children to work with their new teachers is enjoyed and valued by all.

Admission into Reception Class:

Children are normally admitted to our Reception Classes in the September following their fourth birthday. In addition to links with our own Nursery we have close links with all other local playgroups and pre-school providers to ensure a smooth transition into school for all children.

We serve the village of Peasedown St. John and the surrounding areas. Parents are welcome to place their children's names on our admission list at anytime. Places are

limited and we advise early registration. If a year group is over subscribed the LA Appeal Procedure is followed. Once your child has a confirmed place within our Reception classes a full programme of induction for parents and pupils begins. This programme which includes presentations for parents, visiting days for pupils and parents and many opportunities for children to work with their new teachers is enjoyed and valued by all.

Admission to other classes in our school:

As the village of Peasedown St. John has grown over recent years we are used to welcoming new children of all ages into our classes.

Pupils learn best when they feel safe and secure in school and when there are strong home school partnerships that support this. Changing schools will be a big and potentially worrying event for most children. Our school seeks to do all it can to support new pupils with this change.

All prospective parents are offered a visit to school hosted by a Head or Deputy Headteacher. The Headteachers give a priority to this as the first stage in building a successful home school partnership. During the visit all areas of the school are visited together with the class the child would join. New pupils can be part of the visit at this time or a later visit will be arranged for parent and child to ensure familiarity with the school before the date of joining.

Families joining our school are given a Welcome Pack containing useful information.

On the day of joining a member of staff will welcome the parents and child and escort them to class. Whilst the child settles we ensure that parents are familiar with entrances, exits and routines for meeting children at the end of the day.

New children are given a 'buddy' within the class to support them during the early days. During the first week members of Pupil Voice, our school council and School Captains, our pupil monitors and playground buddies will also meet with the new pupil to welcome him/her to their school and explain further school systems.

Our school has an 'open door' approach with excellent liaison between parents and staff and excellent availability of staff. Children are welcomed into classes from 8.45am each day with lessons starting at 8.55am. Teachers are also available at the end of each school day. These systems provide regular chances for parent, pupil teacher interaction.

In the case of children new to our school teachers will make particular efforts to liaise regularly with the parent each day to ensure a smooth start to life in the new school.

For further information or to arrange a visit please contact
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