

# TRANSITION TO SCHOOL - *Supporting your child in their transition to school*



**April  
2025**

**April 2025: Registration Documentation**  
Parents/carers to complete all the registration documentation and return to school by the 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2025.

## **July 2025: Stay and Play Session – Monday 7<sup>th</sup> July 2025**

An opportunity for parents/carers and your child to visit Downsway in a small group to become familiar with the Foundation Stage classroom, outside area, and staff. Your child's class teacher is Mrs Clarke (Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays) and Mrs Tipper (Thursdays and Fridays).

**Group 1 (Surnames A to M) = 9.15-10.15am; Group 2 (Surnames N to W) = 10.30-11.30am**

**July  
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## **July 2025: Information Evening**

On 9<sup>th</sup> July at 6pm we would like to invite you to attend an information session with your child's class teachers, Mrs Tipper & Mrs Clarke, who will talk about the expectations of starting school and routines etc. This meeting will last approximately 30 minutes and takes place in the school hall.

Additional documents about starting school helpful tips and a booklet with images of the school and staff and will be available to take home.

## **May/June 2025: Pre-school/Nursery Visits**

Mrs Tipper/Mrs Clarke will contact your child's pre-school/nursery to meet their keyworker to gain information about your child, and where possible, to see your child in their current educational environment. We aim to visit as many preschools and nurseries as possible to support transition.

"All About Me" document will be shared with you to complete and to be returned by your child's Stay and Play Session on the 7<sup>th</sup> July 2025.



### **Individual School Visits – Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2025**

We will be holding relaxed and informal individual school visits which will take place in the Foundation Stage area and will last 10 minutes. The individual school visits are an opportunity for you and your child to meet some of the Foundation Stage staff, and for you to ask any questions. A specific time slot and date will be allocated to you.

### **Staggered Start September 2025**

To ensure that we can address your child's individual needs and to ensure that we get to know your child during their first week at school, we have a staggered start. Children are grouped in alphabetical order based on their surname and these visits are for children only.

- **Friday 5<sup>th</sup> September** = Group 1 (Surnames A to M) 8.45am – 12 noon & Group 2 (Surnames N to W) 1pm -3.05pm
- **Monday 8<sup>th</sup> September** = Group 2 (Surnames N to W) 8.45am – 12 noon & Group 1 (Surnames A to M) 1pm -3.05pm

### **Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> September 2025**

All children (*groups 1 & 2*) morning session 8.45am-11.30am. This visit is for children only.

After this morning session we would like to invite parents/carers to bring a picnic lunch to share with your child, in the school grounds, together with the staff from the Foundation Stage from 11.30am – 12pm. The Foundation Stage picnic is for children and parents.

### **Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> September 2025**

All children start school full time, 8.55am – 3.05pm

