



St John's Church of England First School

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Dear Parents/Carers

Thank you for choosing to send your child to St John's Church of England First School, part of Wimborne Academy Trust. We are very much looking forward to your child joining our school and developing a long and successful partnership with yourselves during your child's time with us.

In line with the government 'Road Map' and further easing of restrictions due on 21st June, we have planned a series of events and activities to make starting school as enjoyable and smooth as possible. These include:

- Classroom visits 'Elmer Club'
- New Parents Information evening
- Pre School Liaison
- Home visits
- Starting school at the beginning of the autumn term

Classroom Visits - 'Elmer Club'

There will be two opportunities for your child to meet the Reception team. On the first visit, 1 parent will accompany their child for a 'stay and play' session. During the second session children will visit the classroom independently and parents are invited to return to collect at 2:45pm. An invitation to 'Elmer Club' is enclosed. These visits will be on:

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Allenbourn Middle School Colehill First School Emmanuel Middle School Hayeswood First School
Hillside First School Lockyer's Middle School Merley First School Pamphill First School Queen Elizabeth's School
St John's First School St Michael's Middle School Verwood First School Witchampton First School



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- Tuesday 29th June 1. 45 pm - 2. 45 pm [Last name: B-H]
- Thursday 1st July 1. 45 pm - 2. 45 pm [Last name: J-W]
- Tuesday 6th July 1. 45 pm - 2. 45 pm [Last name: B-H]
- Thursday 8th July 1. 45 pm - 2. 45 pm [Last name: J-W]

Ideally, the children will feel happy to stay by themselves on the second visit, but adults may stay if necessary.

Parents Information Evening

On Monday 5th July, from 7.00 pm - 8.00 pm, you are invited to our New Parents Information Evening in our school hall. This is an opportunity to meet your child's teacher, teaching assistants and other members of staff who will be sharing your child's education throughout the school.

There will be a short talk with contributions from members of the school community, followed by an opportunity to ask questions. There will also be an opportunity to spend time in your child's classroom with time to talk to the staff on an individual basis. The rest of the school will be open for you to have a look around.

In the meantime, for more information about school uniform requirements, please click on the link to our school website [here](#) Uniform items with the school logo can be purchased through our supplier Kitz UK. Other items can be sourced and purchased independently [eg through supermarket chains/on-line retailers, etc.]

There will also be an opportunity to purchase book bags and PE bags and talk to the school administration team. Please could you bring your child's birth certificate to the meeting, so that we can complete our records. There will also be a welcome pack given out on the evening.

Please indicate on the form below how many people will be attending this meeting, maximum of 2, in order that we can plan seating and refreshments accordingly. This meeting is intended for parents and other adults only.

Pre-School Liaison

Pre-School Liaison takes place during the Summer term with our Reception team visiting or making phone calls to all our feeder settings. In order to ensure a smooth transition for your child, could you please indicate on the slip below which, if any, pre-school settings your child currently attends.



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Home Visits

We have been making home visits for a number of years and they have always proved to be extremely beneficial to all concerned. They are invaluable in developing a positive partnership between home and school. The visits are very informal and give parents further opportunities to ask any questions and the children do enjoy meeting their teacher on their own territory.

Home visits are scheduled for Monday 6th to Wednesday 8th September 2021. The time and date of your visit will be in your welcome pack which you will receive at the induction evening. If you have a problem with the time we have selected for you, please let us know as soon as possible so that we can make alternative arrangements.

Autumn Term

The children will start school on Thursday 9th September. Thursday 9th & Friday 10th September will be half days with pick-up at 12.00pm. The children will start full-time on Monday 13th September 2021. St John's would encourage all Reception children to come full-time when they start in September and obviously any individual part-time requests could be discussed with the Senior Leadership team/classteacher.

Staggered Starting Times

In the Autumn term all children in Reception will start school on Thursday 9th September. We would like to stagger the start times for the first two days (Thursday and Friday) to allow us to greet your child as part of a small group. In this way, the children can receive as much individual attention as possible. Your child's start time will be confirmed to you soon. Should you have any further queries in the meantime, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

I hope you find these arrangements convenient. As with everything in these unprecedented times, they could be subject to change in line with government guidance. We look forward to welcoming you and your child to St John's.

Yours sincerely,

Miss A Dufek
Headteacher



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~ **New Parents Information Evening**

~ **Pre-School Information**

I/we will be attending the New Parents Information Evening on Monday 5th July.

I/we will need _____ seats.

Signed: _____ Parent/Carer of _____

Please print name _____

We would be grateful if you could return this slip by Friday 11th June 2021.

My child attends the following Pre-School setting/s _____