



10<sup>th</sup> July 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

### **September 2020 – Reception Transition Arrangements**

At Wellesley Park, we fully appreciate the huge interruption that COVID-19 has had to all our lives. Consequently, we understand that children have experienced unexpected situations such as closures of preschool and nurseries, extended time at home as well as possible changes in family circumstances.

We want to reassure you that we will do as much as we can to make your child's introduction, to our school, as smooth as possible. Therefore, we planned a be-spoke induction timetable to support you and your child's transition into Reception.

Our new timetable will allow the children and staff to get to know each other and experience the many different routines and expectations of starting school. It will also give children several short sessions to help them cope with the demands of starting school.

On Friday 4<sup>th</sup> September 2020, we would like to invite children to pop into school with a trusted adult for a short, 20 minute 'Welcome to Wellesley Park School' session. As it is an INSET day, the environment will be very calm and quiet, without the usual 'hustle and bustle'. Children will be able to experience their journey into school; come and meet the adults who will work with them; see where they will play; find out where to put PE bags and drinks bottles and see some of the wider school. This session isn't compulsory, but we hope you will be able to join us!

<b>Gruffalo with Mr Carter</b> -	Children with surnames: A to G	- 1pm until 1.20pm
	Children with surnames: H to M	- 1.40pm until 2pm
	Children with surnames: N to Z	- 2.20pm until 2.40pm

**Kipper with Mrs Foot** - All children – 1pm until 1.20pm

During the first 2 days of school, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> September, children will come to school for 2 hours, finishing at 11am. For the following 3 days, children will finish slightly later at 12.15pm. We believe having shorter sessions will help children gradually ease into school life and help children to feel comfortable. Please send a drink and a snack with your child on these days.

During the week of the 14<sup>th</sup> September, children will attend school for slightly longer again, staying until 1.10pm. On these days, please send your child in with a lunchbox and we will experience eating lunch, at school, before going home.

From the week of the 21<sup>st</sup> September, our aim is that all children will attend school full time.

During the afternoons of the first and second week, we will be offering Home Garden visits! These visits are an opportunity to see the children in their own environment as well as an opportunity for you to ask questions and share any relevant information. These Home Garden visits are entirely optional, and you will be able to sign up for a slot during the 'Welcome to Wellesley Park School' session on the 4<sup>th</sup> September.

Please find details below our be-spoke timetable.

School closed to pupils	Morning	Afternoon
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September	INSET DAY – school closed to children	
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> September		"Welcome to Wellesley Park School" 20 minute session (See timetable above for slots)

Week 1	Morning	Afternoon
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> September	8.55am until 11am	Home Garden Visits
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> September	8.55am until 11am	Home Garden Visits
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> September	8.55am until 12.15pm	Home Garden Visits
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> September	8.55am until 12.15pm	Home Garden Visits
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> September	8.55am until 12.15pm	Home Garden Visits
<b>Don't forget a drink and a healthy snack</b>		

Week 2	Morning	Afternoon
Monday 14 <sup>th</sup> September	8.55am until 1.10pm	Home Garden Visits
Tuesday 15 <sup>th</sup> September	8.55am until 1.10pm	Home Garden Visits
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> September	8.55am until 1.10pm	Home Garden Visits
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> September	8.55am until 1.10pm	Home Garden Visits
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> September	8.55am until 1.10pm	Home Garden Visits
<b>Week 2 sessions will also include a lunch session – don't forget to provide a packed lunch.</b>		

Week 3	
Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> September	All children to begin full time
<b>Universal free school meals will be available from this week</b>	

Starting school is a wonderful milestone, in a child's life, that forms the foundations for life-long learning. Therefore, we consider this an especially important time. We look forward to building a partnership with you as we take our first steps of school together.

We are very much looking forward to welcoming both you and your child, to Wellesley Park.

Kind Regards,

*Carly Wilkins*

Mrs Carly Wilkins  
Headteacher



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Wellesley Park is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of the children and expects all staff to share this commitment.