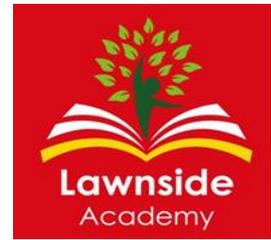


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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you are all well and thank you so much to those who have returned their starting school forms, it is greatly appreciated.

I am writing to let you know about how your child will start Lawnside Academy in September now we have some clearer guidance from the government.

We would like to offer all parents/carers and children an allocated time to come into school for a 'getting to know you' chat; to meet the staff and familiarise yourself and your child with their new environment. We feel this will be hugely beneficial for both staff and you and your families and allow us all time to get to know each other to give your child the best start to school.

The dates and timings of the meetings will be

**Week beginning 7th and 14th September- Am- 9 - 9.30, 9.45 - 10.15, 10.30 - 11.00, 11.15 - 11.45**

**Pm- 1.15 - 1.45, 2.00 - 2.30, 2.45 - 3.15**

A date and time will be sent to you. Any problems, please -email [lblackford@bestacademies.org.uk](mailto:lblackford@bestacademies.org.uk)

These chats will take place during the first 2 weeks of the term. We are very mindful that many of the children have not attended nursery since March and therefore we need to make the start to school gradual. Following on from our 'getting to know you' chats we will have a two-week period (week beginning 21<sup>st</sup> September and 28<sup>th</sup> September) where children attend either mornings or afternoons. Morning sessions will be 8.50 - 11.00am and afternoon sessions will be 12.30 - 2.30pm.

Hopefully after this time, children will feel more settled into the routine of school and will then be able to commence full sessions from the 5th October, in line with our staggered starts and finishing times.

During our 'getting to know you chat' we will be able to share with you how the reception bubble will be working in line with DfE and government guidance and answer any questions you may have.

Staff will be making some short videos introducing themselves and reading a story so that your child can begin to get to know the Reception team. We will also make a video to show the children what their classroom will look like (this will be at the beginning of September) so when they come with you to visit it will look familiar.

Please feel confident that we will be working hard to make sure that your child has the best and happiest start to school.

We are all really looking forward to meeting you and starting this new journey together.

Kind regards

L. Blackford

EYFS Lead