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Cliffe VC Primary School

Transition from Pre-School into Reception Class

From January, visits from the Pre-School setting to School begin. The children spend around an hour at school, accessing the provision and interacting with the children in Reception and the Class teacher and Teaching Assistant.

In January, there are around two visits to school. In February, a further two visits, and in March another two visits. After the Easter holidays, the visits to school are every other week, and after the May half term the pre-school children visit school on a weekly basis. The high number of transition visits ensures a smooth transition from Pre-School to School and ensures that the school practitioners have a sound knowledge of the children prior to them starting School in September.

In addition to these transition visits from Pre-School, Miss Ware visits the Pre-School a few times during the Spring and Summer term, to see the children in their current setting, look through their Learning Journeys, observe where children's interests are and talk to key workers. If any children are on Education Health and Care Plans or an application for an Education Health and Care Plan is being submitted, the Pre-School manager ensures school is aware of these and what they mean for the child concerned, e.g. are the needs medical, emotional, etc.

If child is joining the school from another Pre-School or Nursery setting, we ensure that they are invited to join us at the transition visits, and we arrange for Miss Ware to visit them in their current setting.

In June the school holds a New Starters Parents Evening. Parents are invited in to school to meet the Class Teacher and Headteacher. They are shown some examples of Learning Journeys. They are talked through the structure of a normal school day, including dropping off on a morning and picking the children up after School. Parents are shown around the setting, which is set up for a typical day. Parents have the chance to talk to the Teacher and Headteacher. A member of the Healthy Child team attends the meeting, to talk to parents about the Health checks made throughout school. A member of the PTA attends the meeting to encourage parents to join and become involved in events and fundraising for School.

Home visits are offered to all children who are offered a place to start School in the September. Parents sign up for these at the New Starters Parents Evening. The class teacher Miss Ware and the Teaching Assistant Mrs Barber attend these home visits. During the visit parents can voice any concerns or queries they have about their child starting school. Any additional needs and provision that need to be put in place can be discussed. The child can use this time to share their interests and favourite toys with Miss Ware and Mrs Barber. Miss Ware and Mrs Barber present a book bag and PE bag to the child during this visit.

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