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Dear Parent/Carer

Induction Programme for new Reception Children – September 2022

We warmly welcome you to Walton Oak School. We are delighted that your child has been offered a Reception place with us from September and write to share some information on your child's induction.

On **Tuesday 24th May at 6.30pm** you are invited to our Reception parents induction meeting where all the relevant information about your child's start to school will be shared. Our Reception class teachers will be there, along with our new Headteacher, Mrs. Sian McCarthy, and our Early Years Lead, Mrs. Bailey. As part of this meeting you will have the opportunity to sign up for home visits which will take place either at the end of this term or the beginning of next. Home visits are a really important part of our offer – this is when your child's class teacher visits them in their home setting to start to get to know them. It will be an opportunity for you to share any specific information about your child – eg things they find easy or difficult - and ask any questions or share any concerns you have about their start to school. We believe this is such a valuable opportunity for your child to meet their teacher in the comfort and security of their own home environment.

On **Tuesday 28th June**, your child will be invited to join their new classmates, meet their teacher and get to know their new classroom environment. This will be a fun, play-based morning session from **9.30-11.15**. Whilst your child is getting to know their peers and their new classroom, we invite you as parents to take part in a couple of workshops focused on Early Maths and Early Literacy development – giving some insight into how/what is taught to Reception children as well as some ideas you could use to help their transition during the Summer holidays. It will also be a chance for you to meet your 'colleague' parents in a relaxed environment over a cup of coffee or tea.

We will also take this opportunity to share that all Reception children will **start school on Weds 7th September** They will be part-time for 4 days and then start full-time from **Tues 13th September**. Further details on timing will be shared in your welcome packs which you will receive on 24th May at the Induction meeting.

We very much look forward to meeting you and to working with you and your child as they begin their school career

Kind regards

Mary Ellen McCarthy
Executive Principal

Debbie Bailey
Early Years Phase Leader