

Transition at Newhall Primary Academy.

Transitioning into Reception

Parents are invited for a 'Welcome to Reception' meeting in May/June.

Our uniform shop Create Identitee and Julie Cochrane (Schools Readiness, Essex) are invited to this meeting.

Our school caterers, Ashlyns Farm, will provide samples of school lunches as nibbles.

We send out a 'Getting to know Me' sheet to families to fill in with their child.

Nursery visits

Reception staff will visit Nurseries in June/July. This is an opportunity for staff to meet with your child and their key worker within their nursery setting. We give some school uniform to the nursery so the children can dress up in their role play area.

There will be one 'play and stay' session for the new Reception children to get to know their new classroom and to meet each other. Children will be invited to stay for lunch (£2.50) and one adult will be able to sit with them in the dining hall.

When schools re-open in September, there is a staggered start for Reception children who will stay for a morning session and lunch in their first week.

The oldest 15 children will start first and they will then be able to support the younger children with becoming familiar with routines.

Children will be placed in one of our two reception classes. We start with an equal age and gender split and each class reflects mixed ability, varied interests and the different personalities of the children.

Transitioning to new classes in key stage 1 and key stage 2.

There is a 'Meet the Teacher' afternoon where all children move to their new class to meet and spend some time with their new teacher. The children will also get to see the pupils who have been placed with them in their new class. The teacher is also around to meet the parents in the afternoon.

Children are mixed into different classes at the beginning of Key Stage 1 (Year 1), at the beginning of Key Stage 2 (Year 3) and at the beginning of

Upper Key Stage 2 (Year 5). Each year group reflects mixed ability, interests and the different personalities of the children.

Children are given the opportunity to choose any 5 friends/other children they would like to have with them in their new class and staff take this into consideration by making sure they are with at least 1-2 of them.

In September we will host 'Information Evenings' for the parents of each Year Group where the curriculum coverage, planned events and expectations are shared by respective class teachers.