

ASHILL VC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Carer

Thank you for choosing Ashill VC Primary School; we very much look forward to welcoming you and your child later this term. We are very proud of our school, community and children. At Ashill VC Primary, we work, grow and play within a happy, caring environment, which we are looking forward to you joining.

This is just a very simple introductory letter and more details including application forms, uniform ordering and various other forms will be sent to you in the next few weeks.

Some information about starting school.

Your child will be in Bumblebee Class (Reception) in September. This is a dedicated Reception class of between 15 to 20 children, where children experience the Early Years Foundation Stage Curriculum, which is a continuation of the learning they have been experiencing at their pre-school setting.



The early years team consists of the main class teacher Mr Boote and teaching assistant Mrs Mower. As a team, they work hard together to help the children learn, have fun and enjoy the start of their school journey.



All pupils, regardless of when they were born in the year, will be offered a full-time place at the school with effect from Thursday 3rd September 2026. However, if you would prefer your child to start part-time at the school, you can opt to send him/her for the morning sessions only up until Christmas. We will be happy to discuss any questions or concerns you may have about this.

Induction events

(The following events are proposed and may be subject to change)

Parents' Meeting on Tuesday 16th June – 6.00 pm

This will be our first opportunity to meet with you and talk about the school and particularly life in Reception class. During the session you will meet the adults, see the classroom and we will run through any things you need to know to help with your child's start to school. There will also be an opportunity to view the school uniform. We would recommend that your child doesn't come to this session, as it is information for you as parents only.

Sessions for your child

In the final week of the summer term, your child is invited to the following sessions where they will be able to play, explore the classroom and outdoor area and listen to a story. The session days and times are listed below and your child is more than welcome to attend all three sessions, however if this is not possible then please just attend the ones that you are able to.

- Tuesday 14th July from 9:15 – 10:30
- Wednesday 15th July from 9:15 – 10:30
- Thursday 16th July from 9:15 – 10:30



On these days, your child will need to bring in a named water bottle each day and there is no expectation to wear school uniform.

When you come to school, please come via the school playground and head towards the main hall entrance (double blue doors that open onto the playground, as pictured). Staff will meet and greet you here and we will then take the children down to the classroom. When collecting your child, please wait by these doors and we will meet you there.

Home school meeting sessions / visits to pre-school

During the transition week, we hope to come and visit your child, either in their pre-school setting (if they currently attend one) or if you prefer – we can arrange a meeting at your home. Visits can be arranged at the new parents meeting on the 16th June or via e-mail to the school office.

Should you have any questions about your child's transition or would like to talk to us about any additional needs they may have, please do contact the school office on 01760 440403 (or office@ashill.norfolk.sch.uk) and we will happily discuss this.

We look forward to meeting you and your child in the near future.

Yours sincerely



Mr Dan Pickard
Headteacher