



Winwick CE Primary School
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RECEPTION NEW STARTER WELCOME LETTER 2024

Dear Parents/ Carers,

We are thrilled to hear from Warrington Borough Council that your child has been allocated a place in our **September 2024 Reception class**. We hope that they will have a happy and successful time at our school and we look forward to welcoming you all into the community of Winwick CE.

Starting school is a very exciting time but can also be quite stressful; we wish to make it as easy and straightforward as possible for you and your child. For lots of information on our uniform, school lunches/ snack money, after school and breakfast clubs etc. please visit our school website and see the New Reception section, as well as finding other key information. If you require a hard copy of any documentation, or cannot find something you need, please email the school office to organise getting this to you or ask any questions winwick_primary@sch.warrington.gov.uk

During the next term, we will be inviting your child into school for transition days, as well as inviting you to a welcome meeting which will be held in the school hall. In addition, we would also like to hold Teddy Bear's Picnic towards the end of the summer term which will give you another opportunity to meet school staff and other parents. We will also be holding some additional 'Stay and Play' sessions at school, which you are welcome to attend.

We will be contacting your child's nursery setting (where applicable) and talking with their Key workers to discuss how your child learns and see how well they are doing on their Development Matters Framework. As well as this, we will be visiting most children at home; meeting you and your child in their home environment is really beneficial to us as this is where they are usually most at ease and where we often find out most about your child, you as parents and your wider family. All of these activities combined really help us to get a whole picture of your child and enable us to nurture and support them to the very best when they start with us at the beginning of the year. From our experience, the more we know about your child, and the family, the easier the transition is into school.

What to do next...

In your pack, you will see you have been sent some letters and forms to be completed. You have been given paper copies, but if you would prefer to complete these electronically, you can access these from our website directly under the **New to Reception 2024** tab. You can then download these, complete them electronically and return to us via email on winwick_primary@sch.warrington.gov.uk

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Could we also ask that you email the school office at your earliest convenience – at the email address noted earlier - to pass on your name, your child's name, the best phone number to contact you on and the preferred email address you would like us to use moving forward so that we have these details straight away.

Paper copies of forms can be returned to the school office if you are not emailing them through. If emailing, please attach the completed: Data Collection Form; Consent Form; Home/ school agreement form and we can get everything ready behind the scenes for your child to start with us. These completed forms and relevant information need to be emailed/handed into school by **Wednesday 15th May** please. Also, if your child has any additional needs, or you think they may struggle with the transition, please note down anything that also may be relevant. If you cannot do any of this, please email us and we will endeavour to organise something with you individually.

Further details about our Link Club offer for 2024-25 will be shared with you at the parental meeting.

If you wish to order uniform ready for September then visit the Touchline website and the Uniform Order form can be completed online; a link can be found in the uniform section of our school website. Alternatively, you can purchase non-branded uniform in school colours elsewhere.

So what exactly will happen between now and the first few weeks in September?

Monday 17th June, 5:00pm – Welcome to Winwick Meeting

A chance for you as parents to visit our school and to find out any further information or get any questions answered. This is a formal meeting for adults only. A member of the Winwick team will be in touch once we have received your forms to book you onto the meeting. If you cannot make the meeting then please do not worry as all information will be placed on the school website. If possible, we ask that a maximum of two adults attend per family and no children attend.

Wednesday 3rd, Thursday 4th & Friday 5th July, 9.30-11.00am

Children to come and spend time in their classrooms with their new teachers and meet their new friends. 9:30am – 11:00am - Entrance and pick up will be via the main front door to school. Please send children in in comfortable clothes; dependent on the weather, please send a coat and also apply sun cream (if required in hot weather). Children should also bring a pre-filled labelled water bottle.

Wednesday 3rd, Thursday 4th & Friday 5th July, afternoons

Home visits for some children starting at Winwick Primary School. You will be given the opportunity to make an appointment during the Welcome to Winwick meeting. If you do not attend, then we will contact you to make an appointment over the phone.

Stay and Play

We will be hosting an additional 'Stay and Play' activity sessions for all our new Reception children. You are invited to join us in the school hall from 9-9.30am on the following dates to have a further opportunity to meet together as children and parents of our new Reception class.

- **Friday 12th July, 9-9.30am:** Please bring a teddy for your child to join our Teddy Bears' Picnic
- **Friday 19th July, 9-9.30am**

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SEPTEMBER

Week 1: Wednesday 4th September – Thursday 5th September

All children 8.45am – 11.30am.

Drop off on the playground at the main door. Pick up via the main front door at the school office.

Week 1: Friday 6th September

All children 8.45am – 1pm – children to stay for lunch.

Drop off on the playground at the main door. Pick up via the main front door at the school office.

Week 2: Monday 9th September

All children to start full time: 8.45am until 3.15pm

Drop off on the playground at the main door and pick-up on the playground at the main door.

On behalf of the whole Winwick CE team, we look forward to meeting you and your child very soon and urge you to get in touch via email if there is anything at all you wish to clarify or any questions you have.

Kindest regards,

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Mrs Laura Duckett
Headteacher

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