

Henham and Ugley Primary and Nursery School

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Dear parents/ carers,

I hope you are all well.

As I'm sure you know, the government has set out its intention that all children are back to school in September, although the exact details of what this return will look like, is not currently known. However, I am still working on the assumption that all children returning, means exactly that!

Therefore, I am pressing on with plans for September, which includes making a decision with regard to the starting options for Reception children.

You will recall at our zoom meeting, and the follow up email (if you were unable to attend), that one of the considerations to be decided, was whether we opted for a part time phased return, or a full time offer from day one.

Starting school offers exciting opportunities as well as challenges, and transitions needs to be managed sensitively and effectively. These transitions are a crucial part of children being able to engage with their new environment, getting to know the adults supporting them and feeling secure and settled in. The restrictions forced on schools during the summer term, has meant that the children have missed out on these valuable experiences.

With this in mind, we have decided to opt for a phased start. This will enable all children to settle in to their new environment in a way similar to the transition visits, which we were unable to offer in the summer.

Please see below the transition timings for your children's start at Henham in September. *(Of course, if the government changes its directive regarding all schools opening in September, I will be back in touch).*

Thursday 3rd and Friday 4th September – 8.45am – 12.00pm.

Monday 7th and Tuesday 8th September - 8.45am – 1.15pm

Wednesday 9th September onwards, children in school full time - 8.45am – 3.15pm



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Mrs Barford is currently working on a social story for the children for use over the summer. I will send this out before the end of the summer term.

In the meantime, as promised, attached is a 'getting ready for school' checklist from Mrs Barford.

As always, should you require any additionally information, or have any questions, please do get in touch with either myself at: head@henhamugley.essex.sch.uk or Mrs Barford at: k.barford@henhamugley.essex.sch.uk

With my continued best wishes,

Kim

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