

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are very excited about welcoming your child to Penpol School in September.

Transition Visit

The transition into school this year has sadly been rather different from normal. We would like to give the children an opportunity to meet some of their new friends and their teacher before the start of the school. Our aim is to make the experience as fun and engaging as possible to help with any worries and reservations the children may currently have about starting school.

To keep the children as safe as possible and working within the government's current safety guidance, we would like to invite the children to meet in our wildlife garden for a short visit. As the class teachers are regularly working with other children, they will need to observe social distancing as much as possible. Therefore, we are asking a parent to join each child for the session.

We will meet in small groups of up to eight children across Monday and Tuesday the 20th and 21st of July for half an hour. We will let you know which group your child is in and what time to attend by text message.

We would be grateful if you could please confirm whether or not your child will attend by Wednesday 8th July so that we are able to plan groups and times. We will send out a text alongside this email; please reply to this text message to let us know.

- We understand that it may be necessary for siblings to join the accompanying parent. Please ensure that they are closely supervised throughout the visit.
- When visiting for your allocated session, please meet your child's class teacher inside the pedestrian school gate at your allocated time.

Uniform

As we are not currently able to provide samples for children to try on, we are sadly not able to sell uniform items for the time being. Therefore, we have agreed to relax our uniform policy across the school until after we have returned in September. When joining us in September, your child is invited to wear their own clothes. We will update you in September when uniform is available to be sold again.

Starting in September

We are still in the process of planning for September and have very recently received the updated guidance from the government. Although it is possible that details may change, we are now looking forward to welcoming our

newest pupils from **Tuesday 8th September.** We take a phased approach to this transition each year and, given the huge challenges faced by all families recently, recognise that this phased approach will be more important than ever this year. The current plan is set out below. If there are any changes to this plan, we will inform you as soon as possible.

Tuesday 8 th September	9am-11am
Wednesday 9 th September	9am-11am
Thursday 10 th September	9am-12pm
Friday 11th September	9am-12pm
Monday 14 th September	9am-1pm
Tuesday 15 th September	9am-1pm
Wednesday 16th September	9am-2pm
Thursday 17 th September	9am-2pm
Friday 18 th September	Full day (8:50am-3:10pm)
Monday 21st September Onwards	Full Time

We understand that every child is different and will want to support you and your child with this process as much as possible. If you have any questions or concerns at all at any point, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Best Wishes,

Amanda Aspden Early Years Leader

and

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