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Dear Parents/Carers,

We are delighted that you and your child will soon be joining our wonderful school and community here at King Ina C of E Academy. We appreciate that starting school is such an important and special time for you and your child and we will do everything we can to prepare and support you between now and your child starting in September.

As we start to prepare and transition your child into school life here at King Ina Academy, we have listed some key dates for your diary below.

We would love to show you and your child around our school and answer any questions you may have. We will be holding tours of our school on the dates below.

- ❖ Wednesday 22nd May at 5pm
- ❖ Thursday 23rd May at 10am and 1:30pm

We would like to invite you to our Reception Starter Parent's Evening on Thursday 13th June at 6pm. This is a useful evening where we will share lots of important information, such as induction programme for settling your child into school life. You will find out which class your child is in and will have the opportunity to meet class teachers and other staff from across the school.

In June, we will be holding story and craft sessions. These sessions are a good opportunity for you and your child to come into our Reception classrooms, meet the teachers and explore some activities amongst peers. We feel it is important to keep these sessions small in size to ensure the class teachers can maximise any opportunities to talk and interact with children and parents/carers individually. This gives us an opportunity to get to know our new families and answer any questions/queries which you may have. You are welcome to book onto **two** of the sessions below.

Date	Time
Monday 17 th June	9:30am-10:30am
Tuesday 18 th June	10am-11am
Thursday 20 th June	1:30pm-2:30pm
Monday 24 th June	9:30am-10:30am
Tuesday 25 st June	10am-11am
Thursday 27 th June	1:30pm-2:30pm
Friday 28 th June	9:30am-10:30am

Please note: If your child attends our Owlets provision and you would like them to attend two of the story and craft sessions above, then you will need to collect your child from Owlets and accompany them to the session. The Owlets practitioners are unable to accommodate these sessions within session times.

Finally, we would like to invite your child to a stay and play session **without** parents/carers on Wednesday 3rd July from 9:30am-11am. For this session the children will be spilt into their classes and would spend time in their classroom with their teacher and peers.

Booking is **essential** for the school tours, the story and craft sessions and the stay and play session. Please call the school office on 01458 272587 or send us an email on office@kingina.co.uk to book your sessions.

If your child has any SEN needs, medical needs, allergies or anything else you wish to share with us prior to starting school then please get in contact with the office and we will be in touch with you to discuss further.

A September start to a new school is always full of excitement and apprehension so please keep an eye on our **September 2024 Starters Information** page on our website as we often update this with useful information.

Helpful Hints

Sometimes parents worry about how they can best prepare their child for starting school. The best way is really rather simple. Children take their cues from you - if you talk about starting school as an exciting and fun thing that is a normal part of growing up, your child will respond in a similar way. We would encourage you to be positive about starting school and work on giving your child the gift of independence.

Can your child put on and take off their school uniform (including shoes)? Can they recognise their name in their school uniform? Can they find their own coat and put it on, doing up the zip or buttons? Can they use the toilet independently and wipe their own nose? These sound like simple things but can make a child feel capable rather than helpless.

The school nurse team have created an excellent school readiness video you can access this via this link https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=F-LYT_icFBI&feature=youtu.be

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Best Wishes

Mrs Suzie Svenson (Headteacher) and Mrs Laura Ruddle (Early Years Lead & SENCo)