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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 like to invite you to our Reception Starter Parent's Evening on **Wednesday 10th 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 15 th June	9:30am-10:30am
Tuesday 16 th June	10.00am-11.00am
Thursday 18 th June	1:30pm-2:30pm
Monday 22 nd June	9:30am-10:30am
Tuesday 23 rd June	10.00am-11.00am
Thursday 25 th June	1:30pm-2:30pm

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 1st 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 story and craft sessions and the stay and play session. Please email the school on office@kingina.co.uk to book your sessions.



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This year, we will offer each family a Home Visit with a set date and time. Home visits help children feel happy, safe, and confident by meeting teachers in a familiar environment. They allow parents and carers to share information about their child's interests, routines, play, learning, health, dietary needs, and any concerns. These visits also give families a chance to ask questions and discuss what's important for their child. Early conversations help us understand each child and provide the right support from the start. Most importantly, home visits foster strong, positive relationships between children, families, and teachers, supporting a smooth start to the learning journey.

A September start to a new school is always full of excitement and apprehension so please keep an eye on our **September 2026 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 quite simple. Children take their cues from you. If you talk about starting school as an exciting and fun step that is a normal part of growing up, your child is likely to respond in a similar way. We encourage you to stay positive about starting school and focus on helping your child develop independence.

For example, can your child:

- Put on and take off their school uniform (including shoes)?
- Recognise their name on their school uniform?
- Find their own coat and put it on, fastening the zip or buttons?
- Use the toilet independently?
- Wipe their own nose?

These may seem like simple things, but they can make a big difference in helping a child feel confident and ready for school.

More support and guidance can be found on the Starting Reception website:
<https://startingreception.co.uk/>

The school nurse team has also created an excellent school readiness video, which you can watch here:
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 Lisa Wills (Early Years Lead)