



14th July 2022

Dear Owlets Families,

As we are rapidly reaching the end of the summer term, I'd like to take this opportunity to introduce myself as the new Owlets Manager and share with you the exciting news on the horizon for the Owlets Preschool.

First and foremost, I must share with you how it has been an absolute pleasure to begin to get to know the Owlets children and team. The children have been full of energy and so keen to share their news and adventures with me. I have heard about day trips, family visits, and the enthusiasm surrounding the Reception Transition visits our eldest Owlets have attended.

Mrs Svenson recently shared with you that I currently work at King Ina Academy, and because of this, I may have already met some siblings, friends and family members of the Owlets children, and now I'm looking forward to meeting the whole Owlets community over the next term.

I have always been passionate for the Early Years, and enjoy being creative to enhance early learning and development opportunities, this stems from my teaching degree, which is an Early Years specialism. Since then, I have been fortunate to have worked with some talented Early Years Leaders. I am delighted to now be able to work with the Early Years team at King Ina Academy to assist in guiding your child/ren through the beginning of their exciting educational journey.

The Owlets Preschool will be creating opportunities to assist in building your child/ren's independence and experiences through developing their desire to be curious and explore, to practice and strengthen their skills, and most importantly, to develop their own character by learning through play.

Play is a key element of early childhood, it allows children to express without worry of making mistakes as well as feeling comfortable and safe exploring through imagination and creativity. Therefore, we plan to offer our Owlets varying play opportunities throughout the day, from 'Funky Fingers' activities to develop fine motor skills, to 'Focus Tasks' to promote concentration, skill and knowledge as well as 'Discovery Time' for free flow play and creativity.



At the moment, we are currently in the process of producing our 2022-2023 Parent Pack, preparing for September, as well as planning our Leavers Party for our eldest Owlets transitioning to school. Throughout the summer holidays, we will be re-arranging our Preschool to incorporate a new Calm room for quiet tasks, reading and resting when it's needed for our tired Owlets. We will then be moving our focus to enhance our outdoor environment, with a continuous provision to excite, engage and expand our Owlets experiences. We cannot wait to share more details with you over the coming weeks as our plans continue to progress.

In the meantime, if you have any questions or would like to discuss anything further with me, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Best wishes,

Miss Donna Singleton
Owlets Manager
King Ina Academy