



# Warden Hill

PRIMARY SCHOOL

26 April 2021

## RECEPTION 2021

Dear Parents

Firstly, a huge warm welcome to Warden Hill Primary School. I am delighted that your child will be joining us in September and we are very much looking forward to welcoming you all to our school.

This letter is the first step in what we aim to make a truly brilliant partnership over the coming seven years of your child's education. Due to these unprecedented times our extensive induction programme will look very different this year, but we will still ensure that your child will have the most successful and happy start to their time with us.

Our teachers will contact your child's pre-school setting in order to learn how they get on academically as well as socially. The information taken from these conversations, as well as the age of your child, whether they are male or female, whether they need additional support, will ensure that they are placed in the right class for them. Therefore, it might be that your child is with a few of their friends, rather than all. It is essential we have evenly split classes to allow each child to make the very best start, make rapid progress and thrive at our school. Please be assured that a great deal of thought and consideration goes into this process and therefore, once finalised, no changes are made to the class allocations.

Our very experienced teachers, Miss Rand and Miss Weir, and our fabulous Teaching Assistants, Mrs Edwards and Mrs Webb will be supporting your child throughout this transition into school. Myself and the school administration team are also available if you have any questions – please email [admissions@wardenhill.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:admissions@wardenhill.gloucs.sch.uk). We have also set up a Reception 2021 page on the school website, which is where all the forms and key information are housed. There will be a welcome video uploaded onto the website on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> June. Please see the Key Dates section below for further actions and deadlines.

If the current situation changes and schools are allowed to re-open then we will be in touch to see what transition elements we can bring forward.

If you haven't already done so, please visit our school website for further information to get a glimpse of some of the very exciting opportunities and wonderful developments that go on at our school. I look forward to meeting you all in person as soon as it is possible.

Warmest regards,

Georgina Flooks  
Headteacher

## INFORMATION WE NEED FROM YOU BEFORE TUESDAY 4 MAY

Please email the following information to the school office:

- **The School Admissions Form** (Available on our website: <https://wardenhill.gloucs.sch.uk/admissions/reception-2021/>)
- **Information about nurseries, child minders or preschools your child attends:**
  - Name and contact telephone number
  - The days and times your child

Please send this information to [admissions@wardenhill.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:admissions@wardenhill.gloucs.sch.uk) with the email subject: **Reception 2021 – ‘your child’s forename and surname’**.

### Singing and Story Sessions by your Reception Team:

Please see the school website for the Story Time and Singing Session videos. This is one of the ways we are supporting our new Reception children in ‘meeting’ and hearing the voices of the reception staff.

### Free School Meals and Coolmilk:

Below is the Gloucestershire County Council’s Free School Meals application link. All children in Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 are entitled to Universal Infant Free School Meals.

On top of that parents are encouraged to complete Free School Meals application form. For every child that is entitled to free school meals the school receives extra funding to enhance provision and improve progress and outcomes for children. So please apply even if you do not wish to take up your free school meal.

[www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals](http://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals)

Register your child for milk, if you would like them to receive it (WHPS pays for milk until your child’s fifth birthday). [www.coolmilk.com](http://www.coolmilk.com)

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## KEY DATES AND DEADLINE INFORMATION

Monday 26 April	All key forms are available to download from the website on the Reception 2020 page and must be emailed back by the deadlines stipulated below. More forms and key information will be added at timely key points – please see dates below for when they become available.
Friday 4 May	Deadline to email school office bullet pointed information on previous page and attach completed Admissions Form
Monday 31 May	Deadline to pre-order the school uniform items. Please download the form from the website and then send this back to <a href="mailto:admissions@wardenhill.gloucs.sch.uk">admissions@wardenhill.gloucs.sch.uk</a>
Friday 11 June	Welcome video from Mrs Flooks and the Reception Team available on Website.
Monday 14 June	Available on the website will be the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Welcome Pack</li><li>• The Day in the Life of a Warden Hill Reception Child Story</li><li>• Home to School Information Form</li><li>• Tapestry letter</li></ul>
Wednesday 23 June	Deadline to complete the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Home to School Information Form</b> (on website)</li><li>• <b>Allergy Form, Asthma Form, Caterlink Food Allergies Form</b></li><li>• Gloucestershire County Council <b>Free School Meals</b> (<a href="http://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals">www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals</a>)</li><li>• <b>Cool Milk</b> (<a href="http://www.coolmilk.com">www.coolmilk.com</a>) if you would like your child to receive milk once they are 5.</li></ul>
Thursday 1 July	Welcome pack collection and meeting Reception Team. More information to follow.
Monday 5 July	Tapestry account activation emails sent to parents.
Wednesday 7 July	Whole School Transition Morning. Children to visit. Please put this date in your diary. More information to follow. Subject to Covid-19 restrictions.

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## RECEPTION 2021 PUPIL START DATES

Our transition planned is to ensure that the children settle into school life as quickly as possible, whilst maintaining a personalised approach. By coming into school in small birth groups and starting full time quicker than in previous years, will help foster and build relationships both with our adults and their peers.

### WEEK 1

All children will be in on the first day of term which is Thursday 2 September, as well as on Friday 3 September. The children will come in on a rotation according to their birthday for both of these days. Please come to the Infant gate and we will direct you from there. See details below:

	Pupils with birthdays		
	September to December	January to April	May to August
Thursday 2 September	9.00am-10.30am	11.00am-12.30pm	1.30pm-3.00pm
Friday 3 September	11.00am-12:30pm	1.30pm-3pm	9.00am-10.30am

### WEEK 2

For the second week of term each group of children (according to their birthday month) will have one full day in school, before starting full time from Thursday 9 September. Drop off and pick up from the Infant playground. See details below:

	Pupils with birthdays		
	September to December	January to April	May to August
Monday 6 September			All day 8.55am - 3.15pm
Tuesday 7 September		All day 8.55am - 3.15pm	
Wednesday 8 September	All day 8.55am - 3.15pm		
Thursday 9 September onwards		All Reception children in Full time 8.55am - 3.15pm	

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