



Welcome to Kingsnorth

May 2023



Dear Parent/Carer of.....

Following your successful application and acceptance of a place(s) for September 2023, I am pleased to be able to formally welcome your child into Early Years at Kingsnorth Church of England Primary School. We hope they will be happy with us! Please note that a copy of this letter and attachments also appears on our school website: www.kingsnorth.kent.sch.uk

Please see below some important dates for your diary:

“Meet the Teacher” taster sessions:

Friday 23rd June (½ the year group - surnames starting with initials **A-M)**

Friday 30th June (½ the year group) – surnames starting with initials **N-Z)**

Friday 7th July

Friday 14th July

ALL sessions – 1.30 to 2.30pm

In preparation for your child’s entry into school, we will be holding these informal sessions on the above dates. They are designed to introduce your child to their teacher, classmates and school environment. Sessions are not obligatory, but we find that coming to just a few of these will help your child settle more quickly in September. The children will be able to experience different aspects of school life during these sessions.

In order to make these sessions less daunting for the children we have decided to invite half the intake to the first session and the other half to the second session. We will then invite all children to the last three session children as they will then be more familiar with the school.

When you arrive at the school for taster sessions, please enter by the green gate next to the Old School Building, where you will be greeted by school staff. Your child’s teacher will meet them at the classroom door. You will be encouraged to leave your child if possible. You may collect them from the same place at 2.30pm.

During the first two transition sessions, in the main school hall, there will be a parent’s information presentation, where you will have the opportunity to meet and speak with our Early Years Team, the Headteacher and members of the Senior Leadership Team, Governors and other key members of staff. There will be information about the methods and structures as your child starts school, and you will be able to ask questions about your child’s first few weeks at school. In addition, our school uniform provider will be available for you to discuss and order uniform for your child and there will be the opportunity to sample some of the meals provided by Caterlink, our school meals provider. Staff from Breakfast Club and the After-School Club will be available to speak to and members of the PFA will be offering refreshments and information on how to become more involved with school events and activities. Please return the tear-off slip at the end of this letter so that we know if you will be attending this meeting.

School Uniform:

We use a local company for some of our uniform items – KMAC Embroidery – You can view and buy uniform online at www.kmacembroidery.com. More details on uniform will be in the Parent Handbook in your welcome pack – this information is also available via our school website.

School Dinners: “Universal Free School Meals”

Please see the very important information and reply slip attached regarding your child taking up the Government’s offer of a daily free school meal. Visit our school website on www.kingsnorth.kent.sch.uk where a current school lunch meal menu is posted. These menus change termly but this will give you an idea of the type and standard of meal provided.

Everything you need to know

Information in this Welcome Pack includes statutory admission and health/medical forms, term dates until the end of 2024, and include details of uniform. We would be very grateful if all of these forms could be completed and sent back **AS SOON AS POSSIBLE and no later than Friday 9th June.**

[We cannot officially add your child to the school roll for September without this information](#)

In addition, you will be given a comprehensive pack of information at one of the early “Meet the Teacher” taster sessions. This will come to you in your child’s first book bag, and include your child’s first House/PE t-shirt and a school water bottle. These are gifts from the school and Parents & Friends Association. Your child will be put into one of our 6 “houses” before they arrive – if they have a brother or sister already in school they will be placed in the same house.

Class Allocation for September and information about your child’s Nursery

We often have requests from parents for children to be placed in particular classes with nursery friendship groups. Please complete the attached slip which requests information about your child’s nursery, and the names of any special friends who are starting at Kingsnorth. We will try to use this information when allocating your child’s class for September. Regrettably, we are not able to guarantee any preferences, as we must demonstrate equality for all pupils. The children in the two Reception classes work very much as a group of 60: the classrooms are open plan due to the teaching style adopted at this school, and the nature of the Early Years curriculum. Kingsnorth teachers will also be visiting all feeder nursery settings before the end of term to meet the children.

Home Visits:

Your child’s Class Teacher and Teaching Assistant will be making an informal visit to your home at the beginning of September so that they can get to know you and your family better in familiar surroundings, and chat through any specific concerns you may have. You will be able to book a date and time for your Home Visit during June, so that you can make arrangements to be available at home where necessary.

PE T-Shirts:

Please complete the slip attached giving your child’s t-shirt size. As we would like to make their house t-shirt part of the welcome pack, please let us know the size by Friday 9th June. If we do not hear from you by then, we will order aged 5-6.

You can e-mail the school on administration@kingsnorth.kent.sch.uk with the t-shirt size if you prefer.

First Day of Term for Reception Classes will be Monday 11th September:

(this is a few days after the rest of the school returns to school from the summer break).

There will be "**Tea and Tissues**" in the Old School building immediately after the beginning of school on this day, provided by our Parents & Friends Association – a chance for you to have a coffee and chat with other parents in a relaxed atmosphere.

Part-time:

Your child/ren will be part time, for the first week. 8.45am to 11.45pm – from **Monday 11th to Wednesday 13th September** and 8.45am-12.45pm on **Thursday 14th and Friday 15th September**. They will have lunch on before coming home on Thursday and Friday.

Full-time:

Your child/ren will begin full time hours – 8.45am to 3.15pm from **Monday 18th September**

Our staff and pupils look forward to welcoming your child into our Kingsnorth School "family". I also look forward to meeting as many of you as possible at the parent's open evening.

However, if you have any questions in the meantime, please do not hesitate to contact us.

I would strongly recommend that you visit our school website at www.kingsnorth.kent.sch.uk, where a wide range of up to date information is always available about our busy and friendly school, or please contact the school office on: **01233 622673**

Yours sincerely

Mr. I. Witts
Headteacher



KINGSNORTH CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEW PARENTS' INFORMATION MEETING

I will/ will not be able to attend the parent's information session on 23rd June (child's surname A-M)

I will/will not be able to attend the parent's information session on 30th June (child's surname N-Z).

Signed Parent of: **CHILD'S NAME**

NURSERY PROVISION / FRIENDSHIP GROUPS

My child's name:

Attends:
(Name of nursery provision)

Days & times attended:

Tel no: of nursery:

Key worker:

Names of any friends/children starting school at Kingsnorth:
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HOUSE T-SHIRTS

Child's Name:

My child's house t-shirt should be: aged 3-4 (*delete where applicable*)
 aged 5-6

If you do not return this form we will automatically order your child aged 5-6.

Please return this form to the school URGENTLY by Friday, 9th June, or e-mail your responses to:
administration@kingsnorth.kent.sch.uk

