



Information for Parents/Carers of children starting Reception year in September

July 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

As we are sure you are aware, the intention is for all children to start the academic year in September 2020. At Westvale, we have been putting preparations in place for the safety of our children and their families.

The children will start Reception year on Wednesday 2nd September. For the first couple of weeks, this will just be for the morning session so that we can settle the children in as part of a gradual process. We will then extend this to include lunchtime so that the children get used to spending longer periods in school, before moving on to a full school day. It is very important that the transition to Reception is sensitive to the needs of the children, especially as they will not have attended Nursery for such a long time.

We are expecting the start of the academic year to be organised this way:

Week 1: Wednesday 2nd to Friday 4th September 8.55 am – 11.45 am

Week 2: Monday 7th to Friday 11th September 8.55 am – 11.45 am

Week 3: Monday 14th to Friday 18th September 8.55 am – 12.45 am (the children will start staying for lunch).

Week 4: Monday 21st September onwards, we will start full days which end at 3.15 pm.

In these constantly changing times, we would ask you to bear with us if the above dates/times need to be amended due to advice we receive from the Government and Knowsley Council. We thought it was important to let you know what our current plans are so that you have an idea of what to expect in September for your child and yourselves.

We are looking forward to seeing you all again, or meeting you for the first time with regard to new children and families. Take care and have a lovely Summer. See you in September!

Miss E. Fealey (Reception teacher/Early Years Lead)

