



**Whitkirk Primary School**  
Templegate Walk, Leeds, LS15 0EU  
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Headteacher: Miss Quarmby

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Dear Parent / Carer

Welcome to Whitkirk! We are extremely happy to welcome you to our wonderful school.

First and foremost, we would like to thank you for choosing and trusting our school for the next part of your child's educational journey. We are confident in the fact that we can create a nurturing environment for your child to flourish academically, personally, and socially. We absolutely love our school, and we hope that very soon, you do too!

We have a few upcoming dates for your diary, to ensure that you and your child feel happy, reassured, and prepared for the transition to Whitkirk Primary School.

The first event will be our **'Welcome to Whitkirk'** event on **23<sup>rd</sup> June at 5pm- 6pm**. This will entail a presentation welcoming you to our school, outlining a 'typical day of learning at Whitkirk', our curriculum, and our school priorities. This will also involve a visit to the reception classroom and a chance for you to meet the whole EYFS team. Our Special Educational Needs and Disabilities Co Ordinator (SEND) will also be available on this evening for any discussions you may like to have prior to your child starting school. Finally, there will also be a uniform stall and catering stand to sample a selection of our school lunches.

We will then begin our transition events. On **Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> July**, we would like to welcome children and parents to a **Stay and Play** event. You will be able to **sign up for this event on the evening of the 23<sup>rd</sup> June**. The sessions will run as follows:

- Session 1 Stay and Play - 9:00 – 10:00 (20 places)
- Session 2 Stay and Play- 11:00 – 12:00 (20 Places)
- Session 3 Stay and Play - 1:00 – 2:00 (20 places)

The children will also be invited to join their new class teachers in their new outdoor area for a **Teddy Bears picnic on the week beginning Monday 18<sup>th</sup> July**. This will be without parents and a time for the children to explore their new classroom and build relationships with their new peers and teachers.

The Teddy Bears Picnic will run on the following times and dates.

- Monday 18th 11:00 – 12:30 (20 Places)
- Tuesday 19th 11:00- 12:30 (20 Places)
- Wednesday 20th 11:00- 12:30 (20 Places)

You will be able to **sign up for this event during the 'Welcome to Whitkirk 'Event on 23<sup>rd</sup> June**. For this event we ask that on the day children come with a teddy bear and a packed lunch / snack to enjoy with their new friends and teachers. **Children will find out their Key Worker and class teacher during this event.**





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In September, the children's start date will differ from years 1-6. We would like to invite children and parents in for a **'Meet the teacher, visit the classroom' appointment running on the 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, and 9<sup>th</sup> September**. This will be a 15-minute slot on one of the days for you and your child to visit the classroom, find their peg, identify the classroom door that they will be collected from and ask any questions you may have. You will be able to book the time slot for this event during the **Stay and Play event on the 14<sup>th</sup> of July**.

Your child will then start school the following week. We have planned a smooth staggered start for the children to ensure that children feel prepared and excited for their next big step.

- On **Monday 12<sup>th</sup> September** children will start school at **9 am and finish at 11:30, (throughout the whole week, children will be dropped off and collected from their classroom doors)**.
- On **Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> September**, children will start school at **9:00**, stay for lunch, and be collected at **12:15**.
- Then on **Wednesday to Friday the children will start school at 8:30 and finish at 3:00**, (usual school times).
- The following week children will then continue with **the usual start and finish times of 8:30 – 3:00**.

The EYFS staff will be very busy in the coming weeks, visiting nurseries and having valuable conversations with nursery staff to ensure information is shared and that we can guarantee all parents and children feel supported upon their start in September.

As always, if you have any questions, please feel free to email our general email address, [headteacher@wps.rklt.co.uk](mailto:headteacher@wps.rklt.co.uk). This will be picked up by a member of our Admin team and shared with the relevant member of staff. We very much look forward to meeting you and your family!

Thank you

Miss Emery

EYFS leader





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