



New Reception Staggered Entry September 2020

Tuesday 14th July 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

I apologise that the wrong dates were sent out on Friday – these had been the original proposed dates. However following discussions with the Leadership Team last week, we decided to change these to limit the amount of time children are not in school but I forgot to change the letter. We have also changed the format of the staggered starts to allow the children to start school as soon as possible whilst still supporting this important step in your child's education.

You will know from our information on the website, that to support a smooth start into school, Meridian operates a staggered entry in to Reception. Your child has been allocated a staggered entry group. This can be found at the top of the meet the teacher letter sent out previously.

The staggered entry dates are as follows:

8 th September:	Group 1 in until 12.00pm (half a day without lunch)
9 th September:	Group 1 in until 1.15pm (half a day with lunch)
10 th September:	Group 1 in all day and in as normal every day from this date onwards Group 2 in until 12.00pm (half a day without lunch)
11 th September:	Group 2 in until 1.15pm (half a day with lunch)
14 th September:	Group 2 in all day and in as normal every day from this date onwards Group 3 in until 12.00pm (half a day without lunch)
15 th September:	Group 3 in until 1.15pm (half a day with lunch)
16 th September:	Group 3 in all day and in as normal every day from this date onwards Group 4 in until 12.00pm (half a day without lunch)
17 th September:	Group 4 in until 1.15pm (half a day with lunch)
18 th September:	Group 4 in all day and in as normal every day from this date onwards Group 5 in until 12.00pm (half a day without lunch)
21 st September:	Group 5 in until 1.15pm (half a day with lunch)
22 nd September:	Group 5 in all day and in as normal every day from this date onwards

Allowing the children to start school in small groups and build up their time at school gradually allows for a happier and smoother start to school. Unfortunately all staggered groups are set and we are unable to change them. Miss. Duffy has worked hard with pre-schools and nurseries to try and ensure children are starting with friends and people they know.

If you have any questions about the staggered entry procedure, do not hesitate to talk to your class teacher during your meeting this week.

Once again, apologies for any confusion caused and I look forward to meeting you and your children in September.
Kind regards

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