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Dear Parents / Carers

Welcome to Walford Nursery & Primary School

We are delighted that Herefordshire Council has offered your child a place at our school.

In order to ensure your child settles well into school life, we will conduct home visits and hold two induction sessions as detailed below. Should you have any concerns or questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school Administration Team. In the meantime, we look forward to meeting you and your child in the very near future.

Home Visits

Ms George (Headteacher) and our Reception Teacher would like to offer you and your child a home visit. We believe that home visits strengthen our home and school transition process in the following ways:

- It is an important 'getting to know you and your child session'.
- It provides each child a 1:1 opportunity with their new teacher (1:1 time that they don't always have on the new intake days).
- Time for the teacher to find out from the child what they like and dislike, which would provide additional and useful information.
- Time to show parents and children our 'Walford Passport', which can be completed before the new intake induction mornings.
- It gives parent's time to form a relationship with their child's first teacher, promoting the school's 'open door' policy.
- It provides an opportunity to share any concerns that you may have before your child begins school.

Home visits will take place as follows:

Monday, 13th June and Monday, 20th June 2022 (am/pm)

If you would like a Home Visit, please complete and return the attached slip at your earliest convenience. You will be informed of the date and time of your home visit shortly. We plan to spend approximately 20 minutes with each child, and we will do our very best to be on time.

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Induction Procedure

This year, all new starters will be welcome to attend two induction mornings. Please ensure your child brings a healthy snack and a non-fizzy drink for morning break.

Thursday, 30th June 2022: 8.50am – 11.30am

This will give your child the opportunity to meet their peers and familiarise themselves with their new surroundings and school routines.

Thursday, 7th July 2022: 8.50am – 12.30pm

Weather permitting, this induction session has been extended to enable you and your child to enjoy a picnic lunch with us at school. Parents and carers are invited to join us from 11.30am. *Don't forget to bring your packed lunch (for you and your child) and a picnic blanket!*

Meeting for Parents

During the **first induction morning**, parents are invited to have an informal talk with the Headteacher and to meet members of the PTFA. Helpful documents and school information will be distributed. Year 6 pupils will then escort parents on a tour of the school.

The PTFA will have school bags for sale and will also provide refreshments. It is anticipated that this meeting will last for approximately one hour.

Please take your child along to the Reception Class, before making your way to the school hall for the start of the meeting.

It is vital that the school has your contact details for the time your child is with us, therefore, please complete and return the slip attached to the end of this letter. ***Thank you!***

Admissions Procedure

To aid our transition process and ensure that all children settle well into daily routines, we will stagger our admission into Reception Class. During the first week of school (*Tuesday, 6th September – Friday, 9th September 2022*), the oldest children will attend every morning whilst the younger children will attend each afternoon. From Monday 12th September 2021, all of the children will attend school full time.

You will receive more information about admission procedures during your home visit.

Please note that every parent and carer has the right to delay the start of their child's education until the term following their fifth birthday. Any parent or carer wishing to exercise this right must inform the school immediately.

We would ask for your cooperation in assessing actual pupil numbers. Please notify the school in writing if your circumstances change/have changed or if you no longer require your child's place at Walford Nursery & Primary School.

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As part of our new induction arrangements, with your permission, we would like to create a short film of all of the children who will join our Walford family as the Reception Class of 2022. If you would like to take part, please send us a short film clip or photograph of your child undertaking a favourite activity or hobby. This could be baking, colouring, gardening, painting, reading or even helping around the house...the list is endless! This short film will be something for you and your child to treasure whilst finding out what your new friends love to do!

May I also take this opportunity to encourage you to follow the school's Twitter Feed (@**WalfordSchool**) to enjoy, with your children, everything that is happening in school day-to-day.

Please be assured that your Walford family are here to help and support you in any way that we can and do not hesitate to contact the school Administration Team or email admin@walford.hereford.sch.uk if there is any way in which we can assist.

Yours sincerely



Ms L George
Headteacher

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***Please return this slip / email the school office no later than Friday, 27th May 2022.
Thank you!***

Name of Child Preferred Name

- ☐ I want / do not want to book a home visit.
(Please delete as appropriate)
- ☐ My child is able to attend the first induction morning on **Thursday, 30th June 2022.**
- ☐ My child is able to attend the second induction morning on **Thursday, 7th July 2022.**

My contact telephone numbers during the above-mentioned induction mornings are:

Name Tel:

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