



Hatch Ride Primary School

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Dear Parents/ Carers,

We are delighted to welcome your child and family as new members of our Hatch Ride community! We are so looking forward to meeting you all.

I would like to invite you to a New Parents Evening on Wednesday 17 June at 5pm to give you the opportunity to meet myself and the class teacher and to find out the practicalities of starting school. This also gives you the chance to meet the other parents of the children in our 2026 Reception class.

We would like to invite you to book a time for a home visit when the class teacher and learning support assistant will meet with you and your child in familiar surroundings. These are immensely important to us as we are able to find out the little details of each individual child and gives us the opportunity to establish strong links between home and school. These will take place from Thursday 3 to Tuesday 8 September. Please be advised that we may arrive a little early or a little late so allow an hour window. Details of how to book online will be shared once we have confirmation of your email address, if preferred there will be a signing sheet at the New Parents Evening.

In order to ease the transition from pre-school to Reception, we would like to invite your child to two afternoon sessions to get to know the classroom, their teachers and the other children in the class. These will either be a Tuesday or a Wednesday afternoon and we will be in touch with your dates.

The children will start school on Thursday 10 September. Whilst we plan to have all the children in together right from day one, we will delay the start time slightly for those children who do not have a sibling and are new to the school. This, along with other details, will be discussed at the New Parents Evening.

I would like to steer you to our school website; under the Parents Information tab you will find the New Joiners page with some useful information and forms which you may wish to complete and bring to the new parents evening or, you may prefer to return these via admissions@hatchride.wokingham.sch.uk.

If you have any queries please do get in touch, Mrs Fleck in the office is always happy to help.

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Here are some important dates for your diaries:

New Parents' Information Evening	Wednesday 17 June 5pm	This will be held in our Reception classroom, please enter via the hall doors.
Children's visit afternoons	Group 1 – Tuesday 23 June and 30 June OR Group 2 – Wednesday 24 June and 1 July	Your child will come for either two Tuesday or two Wednesday afternoon sessions. These will be from 1.15 – 2.45pm . If you have siblings in school, you may also collect them at 2.45pm. We will let you know your session dates once we have our finalised class list.
Home visits	Thursday 3 September Friday 4 September Monday 7 September Tuesday 8 September	The class teacher and a learning support assistant will come to your house to visit you and your child, these last approximately 20 minutes however we ask that you leave an hours window as visit times can vary.
September start date for Reception class	Thursday 10 September	Those children with a sibling in the school will start at 8.50am , those children who are new to the school and do not have a sibling should arrive at 9am . Please make your way to the outside Reception area gate at the back of the school and wait to be welcomed by a member of staff.

We look forward to meeting you soon.

Kind regards,



Ms J Sparrowhawk
Headteacher



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