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N**EW STARTERS WELCOME LETTER (Pre School and Reception)**

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to Sutton in Craven C of E VC Primary School. A big hello to all those children and their families who have been offered a place at our wonderful Pre School and Reception class starting in September 2024. We are thrilled that you and your child will be joining our school community, we cannot wait to meet you all and are getting everything in place to make it a happy, safe and exciting start to your child’s school journey.

We appreciate that as parents and children it is a new experience, a little of the unknown. We want to reassure you that here at Sutton CE, we pride ourselves on our transition practices for new starters and will be making every effort to ensure your start to our school is the best it can be. At Sutton CE, we call our Pre School/Reception class ‘Blossom’

We are more than happy to offer a ‘tour’ around school even if you have been before. Please contact the school office on 01535 632181 or [admin@sutton-in-cravencofe.n-yorks.sch.uk](mailto:admin@sutton-in-cravencofe.n-yorks.sch.uk) to book a convenient time.

Please check out our school website, all information, links support and advice will be added to the new starters 2024 page. The website will also provide you with a lot of information you need to know for your child starting school. Visit the site on: <http://sutton-in-cravencofe.n-yorks.sch.uk/>

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| **Dates for your diary** | |
| Home /nursery visits | An email will follow with more details. |
| New Starters meeting for both pre school starters and reception starters | Tuesday 2nd July at 6pm in the school hall. We will go over all the information you need to make sure your child has a successful start to school and answer your questions. |

We pride ourselves on providing a seamless transition for our children and families. So, in addition to the provision above we are also hosting transition sessions where your child visits and stays at school. These are held on different days for differing periods of time, taking into account different elements of the children’s day.

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| **Date** | **Times** | **Information** |
| Tuesday 25th June | 9.30am – 10.30am | Children and adults stay and play together. |
| Thursday 27th June | 9.30am – 12:00pm | Children stay and play on their own. |
| Monday 1st July | 9.30am – 1:00pm | Children stay and play alone and also stay for lunch. |

For parents/carers of children joining Reception, additional information will also be sent out over the next few weeks including information on school milk, universal and free school meals, school comms and parent pay and a new starter pack. You will also receive an email with links for our consent e forms. These include;

* Admissions form
* Medical Form
* Parental/Carer consent form can we hyperlink these on this letter as well as send them on an email.

For parents/carers of children joining our Pre School, the information above will be sent to you upon receiving the details on your application form.

We also have a school Facebook Page **Sutton C of E School**. We regularly post additional information, photos etc for you and your children to enjoy and to help prepare for starting school. We have included some information for you to have a look through in relation to school readiness.

Please could we also request that if you have a new or additional email address since applying for a school place that you let us have this information through [admin@sutton-in-craven.n-yorks.sch.uk](mailto:admin@sutton-in-craven.n-yorks.sch.uk)

**For Reception starters, please provide us with your child’s birth certificate, proof of address and photo identification of both parents/carers during one of the visits stated above. For Pre School Parents/carers please provide this identification when you hand in your completed application form. (Please read our privacy notice on our school website)**

The staff at Sutton CE are very keen to introduce themselves to you and are very excited to get to know you all. They will be in touch with you very soon.

Starting school is an exciting time and such an important milestone for every child and their family. We are delighted that you have chosen Sutton CE to be your child’s school and look forward to meeting and seeing you all very soon, when it is safe to do so. If you have any questions, please contact [admin@sutton-in-cravencofe.n-yorks.sch.uk](mailto:admin@sutton-in-cravencofe.n-yorks.sch.uk) or 01535 632181 and we will get back to you as soon as possible.

With very best wishes,

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