

## Alder Grove Welcome Meetings FAQs

### **Will the reception teachers be meeting with the students before the term starts?**

We are planning visits to school to meet Miss Norkett and Mrs Lancaster in July.

### **Will reception children be required to wear school ties?**

Yes, there are elastic ties as part of the reception uniform.

### **Is there an Alder Grove book bag?**

Yes, you will be able to order one once the system is open.

### **Is there a packed lunch option?**

We want all children to be served a school lunch, it's an important part of social development and it encourages children to have a go at new foods as they sit alongside friends.

### **Have any provisional plans been made for any ongoing Covid 19 impacts and what might this look like?**

Yes, please see presentation slides

### **If the COVID measures are still in place, how will you chose who goes into which bubble? Will children coming from the same nursery / pre-school settings be kept together?**

Our discussions with nurseries and pre-school settings will help us to set up the bubbles.

### **How many children are going to be in the reception class?**

We will have a cohort of 30

### **Do you have more information on the staggered start?**

The children will be offered a slot on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> or Friday 4<sup>th</sup> September to come in and spend some time in their class and their class teacher. It will not be for a full day. More details will follow. Their first full day will be on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September.

### **For the "familiarisation" sessions on 3rd and 4th, will parents staying with them?**

We will have a handover and aim for parents to leave their child. However, we understand that this will be difficult for some children so will always be flexible.

### **How do you support children with learning disabilities or those with additional needs?**

The school has provision in place to support all children no matter their needs. The class teacher will support them in the class to enable them to access the curriculum and then other procedures such as an Individual Education Plans can be created with the class teacher, parent and SENCo if more targeted support is needed. For parents of children who have a disability or additional need you can ask to speak to the school and a plan can be put in place for September as part of our current transition.

**What outside play equipment do you now have?**

There will be a fully equipped outdoor area for the Reception class and the school will be looking to develop other outdoor areas in the future.

**Will there be enough availability for all children at the after school club or did we need to worry about restricted places?**

Yes, provision will be in place from the start but we encourage you to get your forms in as early as possible.

**Will the Funtastic Kids be running holiday clubs?**

Yes, an October half term club is already planned.

**How much notice will you need to give for ad hoc sessions for wrap around care?**

Places can be booked on the day, but this comes with an additional administration charge.