

Our ref: CWi/CSC

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Dear Parent/Carer

Although we are not yet at Easter, we are already planning for the year ahead. Because of this, I am writing to inform you of a new approach we are taking to the start of the school year in 2024/25.

As you will be aware, we always work hard to make sure the start of the year is as smooth as possible for all children. To this end, after our usual whole school inset day on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September, we will be opening school to Year 6 children and groups of EYFS children ONLY on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September.

This is a different approach to that which we have taken before which will allow us to do something tailored to the needs of two key year groups, to support them into the new year without the other children being in school. We will spend the day settling the Year 6 context for those children in this year group, making sure they are familiar with the routines and expectations of Year 6 and setting the expectation for what it means to be a Year 6 child in our Academy. We will also be doing something more bespoke for EYFS children to help them with the important transition into school, which we will outline closer to the time.

This is an exciting new approach to the beginning of the school year which, we believe, will allow children at the start of their time at our school and those entering the most important year of their time in Primary to have a flying start. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions, further details will be provided closer to the end of the school year.

Yours faithfully



Mrs C Wilby  
**Associate Principal**