



## Transitional Plan New Starters

This plan is to support the strategic development of a strong working partnership between the Reception Class and New starters for September.

### **Information about Transitions from Nursery to Reception**

At Bluecoat Primary and Nursery, we strive for a smooth transition into school life for every child. This pivotal period marks a significant change, and we recognise the importance of ensuring that children feel secure and supported as they embark on their educational journey. By the time our Nursery children are ready to transition to Reception, they are already acquainted with the adults in the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) team. This familiarity significantly contributes to their comfort and confidence in moving forward.

Throughout the academic year, we have carefully planned activities that are designed to bring together Nursery and reception children. These collaborative experiences not only allow the Nursery children to observe and understand what activities take place in Reception but also provide our current Reception children with the opportunity to share their learning journeys with their former key workers. Such interactions foster a strong sense of community and continuity, which are instrumental in aiding the children's adjustment to their new environment.

Our strategic approach focuses on developing a robust partnership between the Reception Class and the new starters for September. We recognise the essential role that parents and caregivers play in this transition, and we are committed to keeping lines of communication open throughout the process.

In Term 5, the class teacher will participate in local authority transition meetings, which facilitate the exchange of vital information between educators and help in setting a solid foundation for new admissions. During this term, the class teacher will also begin gathering information on the incoming cohort of children. This involves reaching out to their current settings to arrange meetings, as well as obtaining their assessment details through phone calls. The aim is to ensure that all necessary information is collected in advance, allowing for a tailored approach to each child's transition.

As we move into Term 6, we will host an information evening for new parents. This gathering will be an opportunity to distribute book bags containing essential paperwork and ideas on how to support your child through the transition into Reception. In addition, each year we hold 'The Teddy Bears Picnic' which is an engaging and relaxed after-school event, bringing together new starters, current Nursery children, and Reception children. This social setting is intended to ease any anxiety and help families connect.

In addition to these activities, we will organise transition afternoons, where children will enjoy an exclusive opportunity to familiarise themselves with the Reception classroom environment. These sessions will also include a meet-the-teacher element.

At Bluecoat Primary and Nursery, we are dedicated to ensuring that every child experiences a seamless and nurturing transition from Nursery to Reception. Our comprehensive approach, which includes collaborative events, active communication with parents, and fostering connections amongst children and staff, is designed to promote confidence and enthusiasm as the children embark on their new educational journey.