



COPNOR PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parent/Carer

A Warm Welcome to Copnor Primary School

Congratulations and welcome to Copnor Primary School! We're so pleased that you've chosen our school, and we're excited to begin this journey with you and your child.

Starting school is such a special milestone, and we understand how important this time is for your whole family. Our aim is to make the transition into school life as smooth, positive, and enjoyable as possible, helping your child feel happy, confident, and ready to learn.

We are delighted that you have chosen our school to begin your child's journey through education. To help you feel prepared and supported, we've planned a number of key events leading up to September.

Welcome Meeting for Parents and Carers - 20th May 5:30–6:30pm

Our Welcome Meeting is a wonderful opportunity for you to meet our Senior Leadership Team and the Year R teachers who will be working with your child. You'll also have a chance to explore the classrooms, learn about daily routines, and ask any questions you may have.

As this session will include a lot of key information, we kindly ask that it is attended by parents and carers only. Your child will have their own special visits in the weeks that follow.

Key Transition Events for You and Your Child

We've planned some exciting transition events for you and your child to enjoy together. These sessions are designed to help your child feel comfortable in their new setting. They'll have the chance to meet the Year R team, play and explore in the classrooms, and begin making friends with other children starting in September.

These visits are a lovely way to build early connections and create a positive first experience of school.

Date and Time	Event
Tuesday 17 th June	Come & Discover
4:00–4:45pm	Find out who your teacher will be.
	Children and parents' welcome.



Tuesday 1 st July	Come & Discover
4:00–4:45pm	Find out who your teacher will be.
	Children and parents' welcome.
Wednesday 16 th July	Stay & Play session with teacher.
2.00–2.45pm	Children only – Parents drop and go.
Monday 21 st July	Stay & Play session with teacher.
2.00–2.45pm	Children only – Parents drop and go.

If you are unable to attend our “Come and Discover” sessions to collect your child’s class teacher information, these will be left in our school office for you to collect at a date convenient for you.

Home Visits – Getting to Know You

As part of our transition process, we also offer home visits at the beginning of the school year. This is a special opportunity for your child’s teacher to meet you and your child in the comfort of your own home. It allows us to get to know your child as an individual — their interests, likes and dislikes, any additional needs they may have, and to hear about any worries or questions you might have as a parent.

We find that these one-to-one visits are a fantastic way to build strong relationships from the start, and they help your child feel more settled and secure when they start school.

These visits will begin during the first week of September and you will be given the date and time for your visit during our “Come and Discover” sessions in June.

Settling In – A Gentle Start to School Life

To help your child feel safe, confident, and happy as they begin their school journey, we offer a carefully planned, part-time settling-in period during the first few weeks of September. These shorter sessions allow the children to gradually adjust to their new environment, routines, and relationships at a pace that feels right for them. We’ve found that this gentle start really helps children build trust and enjoy their time at school from the very beginning.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week of 3 rd September			Home Visits	Home Visits	Home Visits
Week of 8 th September	Small groups – 1 hour session with parents Surnames A – I 9:30–10:30am Surnames J – Q 11:00–12:00pm Surnames R – Z 1.15–2.15pm	Whole class session 9:15–11:45am	Morning session with lunch 9:15–12:30pm	Lunch and afternoon session 11:00–3.00pm	Lunch and afternoon session 11:00–3.00pm
Week of 15 th September	Full Time begins for all 8:35–3:15pm				

You'll find all the key dates and further details on our school website and social media pages, so please do check there regularly for updates.

We're really looking forward to meeting you and starting this exciting journey together!

Kind regards,

The Copnor Primary School Team