Bernards Heath Infant and Nursery School

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Foundation Stage 2 – Transition 3

Dear Parents and Carers,

In September your child will join us in **FS2** in **Heartwood Class.**

Heartwood Class Teachers are – Mrs Steadman - (M-Weds), Mrs Garland (Thurs-Fr)

Heartwood Class Teaching Assistant is – Mrs Atchama.

The team are very excited to meet you!

Here is a reminder of what happens next:

Event	Date and class	Time	Who?
Stay and Play – 1 adult accompanies each child to join us in their classroom to play	Wednesday 1.7.26 – both classes	9.10-9.40am	Heath Class children (attended our Nursery)
		9.50-10.20am	Non Heath Class children (attended Nursery elsewhere)
Transition Day – adults drop children off to their classes	Thursday 9.7.26 both classes	9.20am – 10.30am	All children Please note - there is no Heath session on this day. There will also be no Breakfast Club for Heath children.
New To FS2 meeting - with Mrs Rimmer in the school hall		9.30am – 10.20am	Adults only – updates on school policies/procedures including school uniform

Transition

Stay and Play – This session gives you the opportunity to join your child in their new classroom. You will be able to chat informally to other families and most importantly, you'll get to know where your children are playing and learning every day. Attending this session reduces the pressure on our staff to come to visit every family – this way, you can come to us. After Stay and Play, our team may arrange a home/Nursery visit with you.

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Transition Day – On Transition Day our aim is that your children are ready for a morning with their new classroom staff. Please drop them to their classroom door and collect them from the same place at 10.30am.

A reminder for the Autumn Term

Our first 5 days of the Autumn Term prioritises the most effective phased transition to school. This period enables all children to gain confidence in their new routine and environment amongst brand new staff and peers. All children will be in school full time from **Monday 14th September.**

Week beginning Monday 31st August

Monday 31st August	Tuesday 1st September	Wednesday 2nd September	Thursday 3rd September	Friday 4th September
Summer Holiday	INSET – school closed	INSET – school closed	X15 1:1 Meet and Greet classroom visits	x 15 Meet and Greet 1:1 classroom visits*

Week beginning Monday 7th September

Monday 7th September	Tuesday 8th September	Wednesday 9th September	Thursday 10th September	Friday 11th September
8.45am – 11.45am Non Heath children all AM *(children who did not attend our Nursery)*	**8.45am – 12pm** All children attend all morning	**8.45am – 12pm** All children attend all morning	**8.45am – 1.15pm** All children attend all morning and have lunch	**8.45am – 1.15pm** All children attend all morning and have lunch
1pm – 3.15pm Heath children all PM			*Note – children will have their first lunch in the main school hall, supported by classroom staff and Y2 Lunch Buddies*	*Note – second time with Yr 2 Lunch Buddies and supported by classroom staff*

Meet and Greet classroom visits Thursday 3rd September and Friday 4th September

Every child will have a 20 minute one-to-one Meet and Greet in their new classroom with their classroom staff and their family. You are very welcome to invite any members of your family and/or childcare circle to join us. Your child may like to bring something special to share (their favourite toy/something they are proud of/something that helps us get to know them). This will be a truly valuable opportunity for our team to get to know you and your child in a special, personalised way.

At the end of your Meet and Greet you are welcome to stay and play in our Foundation Stage garden for a while longer. Further information on how to book a Meet and Greet slot will be sent out shortly.

Form to complete –

- Photograph Video Consent and Permission Form

Please do take the time to complete this form to avoid the office team needing to follow up with you, thank you.

Here is a video of some really useful information from the Hertfordshire Family Centre Service.

- School Nursing Service

Finally, take a look at the Starting School page on our website which has some useful information including a Practical Guide to Day-to-Day Life and Uniform.

We are looking forward to seeing you all very soon.

Mrs Steadman
Assistant Head, Early Years