



Foundation 2024 – 2025
Welcome to Abacus Primary School



Aims:

- **To introduce you to the team**
- **To share induction arrangements**



The team:

Mrs Blakeley – Headteacher

Mrs Hunter – Deputy headteacher and SENCo

Mrs Borley – EY Leader and Blue Class teacher (Mon-Wed)

Mrs Smith – Blue Class teacher (Thurs-Fri)

Mrs South – Pink Class teacher



Induction – why?

Starting school is such an exciting time for everyone involved but we appreciate that this can also cause some worry. We aim to work closely with the whole family to help make starting school as smooth and enjoyable as possible for everyone involved.

The purpose of induction is to develop a positive relationship between the staff in the school, the family and the child. It is important that parents and staff work together to support the child during the settling in process.





Induction – Step 1



On the 8th May we have a transfer of information evening with many nurseries and preschools across the area.

Staff from the settings come to Abacus and share important information about each child from their setting that will be attending in September.

This gives us an excellent starting point for getting to the know children. They share their likes, interests, strengths, friendships alongside any areas for development.

This is for nursery/preschool professionals only.



Induction – Step 2

After this meeting you will be emailed important induction paperwork. This includes:

- Data collection form
- Photo consent form
- Pupil premium form
- Foundation New Starters form



Please complete these and return them to the school as soon as possible but no later than **Friday 17th May**

There will be a box marked New Intake in the entrance hall which is open

Mon to Fri 8am to 6pm



Induction – Step 3

We invite you to our school on **Wednesday 5th June 2024** from 6pm for an opportunity to visit the classrooms, sample our school meals, meet the Foundation Stage team and hear more about our school.

This is where we will give you all the information you need to know about your child starting school, uniform, the curriculum including P.E and the day to day life in Foundation.

After this meeting, where we will confirm email addresses, we will set up a Tapestry account to allow you communicate with the Foundation staff directly.

This session is for adults only.





Induction – Step 4

Stay and Play session with parents –
Tuesday 18th June 3.45pm to 4.30pm:

We invite you and your child/children to come along for an outdoor play session. This is a great opportunity to start to make some new friends and connect with parents. Our Foundation Stage team will be present to start to learn some names and answer any questions that you might have.



This session is for parents and children.



Induction – Step 5

Stay and Play session without parents –

Wednesday 19th June from 9.15am to 9.45am:

This is an opportunity for the children to visit our Foundation Stage classroom and playground, meet the Foundation teachers and make some new friends.



This session is for children only.



Induction – Step 6

Class communication – Monday 24th June 2024:

You will receive a text to say which class your child/children will be in from September...will they be #Team Blue or #Team Pink? 😊

Visits into school 27th and 28th June 2023:

On **Thursday 27th June**, children will be able to come in for a short session in either the morning from 9-11am or in the afternoon from 1-3pm. You will be made aware of which session your child will be invited to via Tapestry once classes have been organised.

On **Friday 28th June** all children are invited into school from 9.30am to 11.30am.





Induction – Step 7

In September we carry out home visits. These will be carried out between 9am and 12pm on **Thursday 5th September to Thursday 12th September.**

You will be given a time/date via text.

The children's first day at school is **Friday 13th September.**

Why are home visits important?

Home visits are beneficial for:

- Providing parents with an opportunity to talk to us in the comfort of their own home on a one-to-one basis
 - Giving parents and children the opportunity to meet teacher again just before they start school
 - Giving an opportunity for the initial interactions to be in a more relaxed and less formal setting
- Building home school links – an extra opportunity to get to know your child, and we take a photograph of your child in their home to use as part of a welcome display
- Helpful when settling - Home visits can stand as a memory that lasts long beyond the visit. E.g. if a child is not settling, we talk about something from home such as a pet we met or the toys they showed us





**Thank you for joining our zoom –
please look out for an email with the
documents to return attached 😊**

**Any questions about the induction
arrangements?**

