



Friday 19th May 2023

Welcome to St Matthew's Early Years!

We look forward to welcoming your child to the St Matthew's Reception Class in September. We understand that starting school is a big step for children and their families and endeavour to make the transition as smooth as possible. We hope it will be the beginning of a happy and successful partnership.

Wednesday 28th June at 4pm – parent/carer information meeting

This is our opportunity to provide all the necessary and relevant information to parents and carers of children due to start school. It is an important meeting for sharing information. There will be an opportunity to meet and chat to the staff and Reception staff and give you a chance to see their new learning environment. **If you would like to bring your child with you, we will be running a crèche.** Please confirm which time you will be attending by calling school on 0161 474 7110 or emailing leah.taylor@cdatestmatthewsprimary.co.uk.

Stay and Play Sessions

Your child is invited to stay and play on **Thursday 6th July at 9.45am – 10.45am.** You can also attend on **Wednesday 19th July at 3.45pm.** Please confirm which time you will be attending by calling school on 0161 474 7110 or emailing leah.taylor@cdatestmatthewsprimary.co.uk. Parents are welcome to stay with their child to get to know the Early Years staff and our wonderful learning environment. Please arrive via the Nursery entrance situated to the left of the main school entrance.

September Transition

Your child will start school on **Wednesday 6th September.** Transition times and days are listed below:

Wednesday 6th September – start of day – 11.45am

Thursday 7th September – start of day – 1pm *free school meal over lunchtime

Friday 8th September – start of day – 2pm – *free school meal over lunchtime

Monday 11th September – full time hours – **your child will now be in school full time. We are currently reviewing the timings of our school day. More information on this to come**

During the three settling in days, the children will enter via the main door and exit using the Nursery entrance. From Monday 10th September onwards, they will exit via their own entrance, which is accessed via the KS1 playground.

All children in Reception are entitled to a free school lunch, but should you wish your child to have a packed lunch, please ensure you bring it with them on Thursday 6th September. We will provide more information about meals at our meeting on 28th June.

At the meeting on 28th June, you will have the opportunity to ask any questions and sign up to one of the 2 stay and play sessions that are on the 6th and 19th July. There will also be the chance for you to book a 1:1 appointment slot with your child's new teacher, either at school or via a home visit. More information will be provided at the transition meeting.

We look forward to welcoming you and your child to the St Matthew's school family.

Yours sincerely

Miss R Campbell
Early Years Team Leader