

Dear Parent/Carer

Starting School at North Town

I am delighted to hear that your child will be joining us here at North Town this September and would like to extend a warm welcome.

New Parents' Evening

We would like to warmly invite you to our New Parents' Evening on **Wednesday 11**th **June.** Please arrive from **5.45pm** with the presentation starting at **6pm**. On arrival you will be guided to the school hall for refreshments and a presentation. The evening will give us an opportunity to provide you with more information about the admissions procedure and the purpose and value of the induction programme. This important evening also provides a valuable opportunity for you to meet myself and key members of staff and school Governors. Due to the nature of the evening, where possible it would be advisable <u>not</u> to bring your children to this event.

At this meeting you will receive your child's starting school letter with details of how to access all of the information and documentation you will need. Please can you bring your child's birth certificate on the evening so our admin team can photocopy it for their records. This will be returned to you in the classrooms following the presentation. Our school uniform and accessories will be displayed for you to view. You can purchase our school uniform from Southwest School wear, which is located in East Reach, Taunton or online www.swschoolwear.co.uk. You can also visit our school website; www.northtownschool.org.uk to view our school uniform list.

Pre-School Summer Induction Sessions

As part of the induction process, your child is invited to attend 'Play to Learn' sessions. During our induction process, the children will be split into two groups to enable staff to get to know them and to make the experience less daunting. Your child will be in **Group 2**.

Wednesday 25th June – Induction Session 1 (Group 2) 10.30 am - 11.30 am – Parents and Children Stay and Play session (Parents to stay and join the children exploring activities in the environment)

Tuesday 1st July – Induction Session 2 – (Group 2) 10.30pm – 11.30pm - Children Stay and Play session. Parents to stay at school and are invited to the school hall for refreshments. This will be an opportunity to meet the senior leadership team and for them to answer any questions you may have and begin to get to know some of the other parents.

Home Visits

As part of our induction process, we undertake a home visit. The purpose of this visit is to have the chance to talk to you and your child at home and answer any questions that you may have. This visit should last approximately 20 minutes. The home visits will take place on **3rd**, **4**th and **5**th **September**. A date and time will be given to you during the induction session on Wednesday 25th June.

Starting School - Settling in Sessions

Monday 8th **September (Group 2) 1.30pm – 3.00pm -** Parents and children to stay and play. This session will include an overview of our Read, Write Inc phonics program and how you can support the children's learning at home. The children will go home for lunch.

Tuesday 9th September (Group 2) 1.00pm – 3.00pm - Children only. The children will stay for the afternoon session.

Wednesday 10th September (Group 2) 9.00am – 12.00 noon - Children only. The children will be staying for lunch.

Thursday 11th September (Group 2) 9.00am – 1.15pm - Children only. The children will be staying for lunch and lunchtime play.

Your child will be starting school full time on Friday 12th September 2025 - 8:50am - 3:15pm

North Town Nursery

We currently have some spaces available in our nursery setting, which are open to new starters. If you require additional childcare over the Summer Term and/or through the summer holidays we would love to help. We can also offer childcare around the timings of our induction and settling in sessions for children who are registered at our Nursery. Around half of our reception intake, comes from our onsite Nursery each year and we offer additional transition activities and support with the reception class teachers throughout the summer term for children who attend our Nursery. If you would like more information about our Nursery for your school starter or a younger sibling, please see our website Nursery - (northtownschool.org.uk) and contact our Nursery Team.

School Ready

Before starting school there is always a lot of discussion about school readiness, if you would like additional information to support you and your child prior to starting school please follow this link Starting-Reception.pdf

My colleagues and I look forward to a long and happy association with you and your family.

Yours sincerely,

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Mark Braund Head Teacher