



21 April 2023

Dear Families

We would like to extend to you a very warm welcome to Colehill First School. We are delighted that your child will be joining our Reception Class in September 2023. Our Early Years team are looking forward to getting to know each of our new starters and their families.

We would like to invite you to a welcome meeting for parents of Reception new starters on Wednesday 24th May at 6.00 p.m. This meeting will cover all arrangements for starting school and will give you the opportunity to ask any questions that you may have. If you are unable to attend this meeting, we will email you a full summary of all the key information covered.

During the Summer term, we will be offering three induction opportunities for our 'Fledglings'. The dates for these sessions will be available at the meeting on Wednesday 24th May. These provide a valuable first experience of the school setting with an opportunity for all children to meet and begin to get to know key staff including their teacher and teaching assistant as well as the other members of their new class.

At the very beginning of the Autumn term our Early Years team will undertake home visits to meet your child in their home environment. These will take place on either 5th, 6th or 7th September. After all home visits have concluded, term begins for your child on **Friday 8th September 2023**. On the very first day of term, children will start school in small groups at staggered entry times so that the first day is not overwhelming for them. Your child's entry time will be confirmed at your home visit. From Monday 11th September, children will all arrive together.

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We understand that starting school for the first time is a very important step which can seem daunting. If you require any support, please do not hesitate to contact us at office@colehillfirstschool.org

We very much hope that you are looking forward to September. We will do everything we can to ensure that you and your child feel secure, valued and ready for school to begin.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any further questions.

Yours sincerely

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Mrs Sharon Staddon

Executive Headteacher