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Dear Reception Parents &amp; Carers

**Re: Reception Start Autumn 2025**

We are excited to welcome you and your child to our Reception class this September. Starting school is a significant milestone, and we want to ensure that every child settles in smoothly, feeling happy, confident, and ready to learn.

To support this transition, we will be implementing a **staggered start to the Autumn Term**, spread over the first **eight school days (Wednesday 3rd – Friday 12th September)**. The children will be divided into two groups – **Group A and Group B** – and will attend school on a part-time basis during this period. Each group will be with their teacher.

**How the Staggered Start Will Work**

- For the **first four days**, Group A will attend school in the **morning**, while Group B will attend in the **afternoon**.
- For the **next four days**, the groups will swap over, allowing all children to experience both morning and afternoon sessions.
- From **Monday 15th September**, all Reception children will attend full-time.

This carefully planned transition period allows children to:

- ✓ Settle in at their own pace and become familiar with their new environment.
- ✓ Develop relationships with their teachers and classmates in a smaller group setting.
- ✓ Experience a variety of lessons and meet our specialist staff in different subjects.
- ✓ Build confidence before transitioning to full school days.

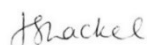
We also see this as a valuable opportunity to get to know you, our Reception parents, so we can work together to support your child's learning and well-being from the very start.

There will be a new parent coffee morning on **Monday 15th September** after drop off, where it would be lovely for everyone to meet each other over a drink and pastry.

You will receive further details about your child's group placement and specific timings in a separate letter. If you have any questions in the meantime, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

We look forward to welcoming you and your child to our school community and sharing this exciting journey with you.

Yours sincerely

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Head of Prep School*Inspiring* Exciting Futures