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Dear Parents and Carers,

We are delighted that you and your child are joining Hassocks Infant School this coming September. It gives me great pleasure to welcome you and your family to our happy school. We aim to make sure that the transition is as smooth as possible for both parents and children, so we have arranged a number of key events to help with this.

To support transition, children are split into two groups for transition activities: Group 1 and Group 2. We will let families know which group children are in at the open evening on Thursday 15th June. Class information will also be shared at this meeting.

<p>Thursday 15th June, 4.30pm and 6pm</p>	<p>Open Evening for parents/carers.</p> <p>This is an opportunity for parents and carers to visit us, to find out more information about your child's transition into Hassocks Infants' and to get an overview of the school. The evening will involve a talk from the Headteacher and will also be an opportunity to meet some of our Reception staff. There will be other people present to talk to such as governors, parents on our PTA and Kudize childcare setting. You will be able to purchase school uniform and pick up menus, childcare flyers and other useful information. We strongly advise parents to attend this session but please ask for children <i>not</i> to attend as the evenings are aimed at relaying all the information you need to know as a parent/carer.</p> <p>We are aware that some parents are unable to make this meeting. If you are unable to attend, we will share a copy of the PowerPoint presentation and key information by email and, where appropriate, this information will also be posted on our school website here.</p> <p>Space in our school hall is limited so there are two times for this meeting. Please sign up for your preferred time slot by clicking here.</p>
<p>Willow Class Class: Monday 19th June, 3.30-4pm</p>	<p>1st Visit – Teddy Bear's Picnic.</p> <p>Our first visit will take place on the school field with a session taking place for each class. Each child should be accompanied by an adult for the visit.</p>

<p>Beech Class: Tuesday 20th June, 3.30-4pm</p> <p>Cherry Class: Thursday 22nd June, 3.30-4pm</p>	<p>We will provide blankets, squash and biscuits. Please bring along your favourite teddy bear. We will provide some “free from” biscuits for children with allergies, however if your child does have a specific dietary need, then please do feel free to bring your own biscuits.</p> <p>This will be an opportunity to meet your child’s class teacher and teaching assistant.</p>
<p>Tuesday 27th June</p> <p>Group 1: 9.30-10.15am Group 2: 10.30-11.15am</p>	<p>2nd Visit – Classroom Visit.</p> <p>Classes will be split into two groups of 15 for transition visits.</p> <p>Children are invited to visit their new classes for a 45-minute session. Entry to the school will be through the gate on Chancellor’s Park and families will be greeted at the classroom door by the class teacher.</p> <p>One adult is invited to join their child for this session.</p>
<p>Wednesday 5th July</p> <p>Group 1: 9.30-10.15am Group 2: 10.30-11.15am</p>	<p>3rd Visit – Whole School Transition Day and Classroom Visit.</p> <p>Children are invited into school for a 2nd classroom visit.</p> <p>We will ask adults to drop children off at the classroom door for this session.</p>
<p>Wednesday 5th July PM</p> <p>and</p> <p>Thursday 6th July PM</p>	<p>1:1 Parent and Child Meetings.</p> <p>Parents and carers are invited to sign up for a 10-minute meeting with the class teacher and teaching assistant. These meetings will take place in school and will provide an opportunity to share key information about your child to support their transition.</p> <p>There will be an opportunity to sign up for an appointment during the open evening. If you are unable to attend the evening, please contact the school office on 01273 842549 to book this appointment.</p>

Start times for September:

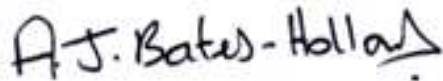
Children will be part-time for the first 3 days of the autumn term. This enables the staff to get to work with children in smaller groups, ensuring that children are well-supported with the transition into school. Arrangements are as follows:

<p>Friday 1st September</p>	<p>INSET Day School closed for all children</p>
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Monday 4th September	Group 1 9 – 11.30am	Group 2 12.30 – 3pm
Tuesday 5th September	Group 1 9 – 12.45pm Group 1 to stay for lunch.	Group 2 1.30 – 3pm
Wednesday 6th September	Group 1 1.30 – 3pm	Group 2 9 – 12.45pm Group 2 to stay for lunch.
Thursday 7th September and Friday 8th September	Children in school all day. Our school day starts at 8.50am and ends at 3pm.	
Families can enter the school using the gates on either Chancellors Park or Keymer Road. Children should be dropped and collected at their classroom door.		

We look forward to meeting you all in person very soon.

Yours Faithfully,



Adrian Bates-Holland
Headteacher