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Dear Parent/Carer,

Thank you for selecting Dussindale Primary School for your child in September 2022. I hope their experience here will be an enjoyable one and that they will benefit from the good teaching and learning opportunities plus nurturing approach which the school provides.

This year, we are planning to hold our parents meeting for prospective parents at **6.30pm on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> June**. During the meeting there will be an opportunity to pick up an information pack about starting school, meet your child's class teacher and find out about what happens during the school day and how your child will be learning within the Early Years Curriculum.

We recognise this can be a daunting time for many parents, so there will be a formal and informal opportunity to ask questions.

In addition, your child will be invited to attend a morning session in the Reception classroom, with some of the other new children on Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> July. Exact timings will be confirmed at the new intake meeting for parents.

Reception class teachers will make home visits to the new children week beginning 5<sup>th</sup> September. These visits are invaluable for staff and families, as they enable us to get to know you and your child, and to talk through any concerns that you may have before term starts. You will receive your appointment times on the Transition Day.

From the 8<sup>th</sup> September, children will be invited to attend half days, sometimes mornings, sometimes afternoons. This will allow them to get used to the school routines and expectations, in small groups with lots of time for talk, so that they feel confident and comfortable and have built up relationships with each other and staff before they are in for whole days with lots of other children. We find it makes a great deal of difference; by the time they begin full-time attendance, they are fully ready for school life and can concentrate on all the wonderful learning experiences on offer.

From Friday 16<sup>th</sup> September all children will attend full time.

In the meantime, if you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact me via the school office.

We look forward to meeting you.

Yours sincerely

Louise Norgate  
Headteacher

