 

***‘…encourage one another and build each other up…’***

**1 Thessalonians 5:11.**

**‘Working Together, Playing Together, Serving God and Serving Others’**

Dear Parents / Carers

I am very pleased that your child will be joining our Reception Class in September 2025 and want to offer a very warm welcome to your family to Davenham Church of England Primary School. This letter contains some important information about dates and times of transition days and uniform requirements. Please also refer to the booklet we have sent to you for more general information.

**VISIT TO SCHOOL AND INFORMATION EVENING**

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| DATE | EVENT |
| **Monday 23rd June****6.15pm** | **Information Evening.****Please note the Information Evening is for adults only.** |
| **Monday 30th June****4.00pm to 5.00pm** | **Stay and Play session with your child.****You will be able to see the indoor and outdoor environment and ask any questions.** |

**NURSERY VISITS**

We have provisionally planned for visits / phone calls to be made to your child’s current Nursey early in July.

**TRANSITION DATES**

Children will be in school on the following dates and times: -

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| **Date**  | **Drop Off Time** | **Collection Time** |
| **Wednesday 2nd July** | **Taster Sessions.**Children who currently attend Busy Bees, TillyTots, Chrysalis, Moulton, Oakmere or Acorn nurseries should attend the morning session.Children who attend **all other nurseries** should attend the afternoon session. | Morning session 9.00am – 11.00am Afternoon session 1.15pm – 3.15pm. |
| **Tues 2nd Sep and Weds 3rd Sep** | All children in for the morning session. 8.45am at the top gate. | Collect at 11.30am from the playground. |
| **Thurs 4th and Fri 5th Sep** | Children stay for lunch 8.45am drop off at the top gate. | Collect at 1.15pm from the playground. |
| **Mon 9th Sep onwards** | Gate opens from \*8.30am and children can be dropped off at any point from this time. | * 1. pm pick up from the playground
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Children should be brought to the top gate each day. Reception staff will be on hand to assist but we do ask that you leave as quickly as possible as this causes the least amount of distress to the children.

**UNIFORM (please read this section carefully)**

School uniforms are an important way of providing a sense of identity. However, we recognise that they can be expensive for parents / carers. We have taken several steps to support families with this.

These include: -

* Multiple stockists of our school unform
* A pre-loved school unform ‘shop’. Items are donated and can be exchanged for a small donation. Please ask at the school office for more information.
* No additional PE kit requirement for EYFS or Key Stage One children.
* The continuation of the less formal EYFS uniform into Key Stage One means that items can be worn for more than one year.
* Reducing the number of logo items. (\*)

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| **Item**  | **Sizes**  |
| Navy round neck t shirt with school logo(not the traditional polo shirt) \* | 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 |
| School royal blue sweatshirt / cardigan with school logo \* | 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 |
| School reversible parker coat with school logo (please can all children have this as their school coat – it has a hood and is waterproof) \* | 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 |
| Navy joggers (these are available with the school logo, but parents may buy any navy pair of joggers)  | 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 |
| Navy waterproof trousers  | 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 |
| Blue, white or navy trainers (Velcro please)  | Sourced from any outlet |
| Wellies (these must be left in school) Any colour / design.  | Sourced from any outlet  |

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| **OPTIONAL** Shorts / skort (these can be worn in warmer weather as an alternative to the joggers. Available with / without logo)  | 18-20”, 22-24”, 26-28” |

**\*If children have pierced ears, then only studs should be worn. Long hair should be tied up.**

**BOOK BAGS**

Children must have a school logo book bag. Please **avoid** the book bags with shoulder handles - these can be a serious trip hazard and are too big or any other type of bag. Children do not need pencil cases.

I do appreciate that starting school can be an anxious time for both children and parents / carers. Please be rest assured that we will ensure that you receive all the necessary information and that your child’s transition to primary school will be carefully planned and managed by experienced staff. Along with this letter, you will find a useful booklet with lots of information about systems and routines.

Should you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact myself or Miss Phillips Head of Lower School(kphillips@davenhamce.cheshire.sch.uk)

Please note that children will not be allocated to a specific class until September.

I am very much looking forward to meeting you all.

With best wishes

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**Mrs Joanne Hyslop**

**Headteacher**