

Provisional arrangements for September 2020

Unfortunately, due to the current guidelines we are unable to have our usual visits into school for you and your child to meet their new teacher and classmates. We have therefore put together a revised plan that we hope will be able to go ahead. We will inform you of any changes if needed.

This week we will be ringing around all new families and introducing ourselves. We are happy to answer any specific questions but the majority of information is already on the webpage

<https://www.holmesdale.derbyshire.sch.uk/new-starters.php> During this phone call we will let you know the date that your child can visit and we can also arrange a home visit.

Week Commencing 7th September;

Key Stage One children into school (Year One and Two)

Week Commencing 14th September; Home Visits- we highly recommend that you arrange a home visit as it is a really friendly and reassuring way that we can meet you child in a familiar environment. It also gives you time to ask any questions or raise concerns. The visits will last 10-15 mins, and we are simply there to get to know you and your child a little better. We will be bringing out a little 'goodie bag' with things for your child to do at home. Please arrange a time when the class teacher rings in the next week. This year because of Covid-19 the visits will have to be outdoors. We are happy to visit you in your garden or just on your driveway, whatever is best for you.

Week commencing 21st September;

One hour visits into school in small groups of up to 10 children. In September we now know that parents will still not be permitted into the school building therefore, we are asking you to drop off your children and collect them after their visit. This is not something that we would normally do as we feel that it can be a time for you all to get one another, it is however a safeguarding procedure that we must adhere to.

On Friday of that week, we invite the **whole class** in so that they can meet each other. This will be at 10.30 -11.30 for ALL Willow children and 1.20-2.30 for ALL Maple children. We will make this visit a 'Teddy Bears Picnic' and we will provide a drink and a snack. Your child is welcome to bring a teddy of their choice. This visit is for *children only* and they can be collected from the outside doors at the end of the session.

	Willow Class	Maple Class
Monday	No visits	No visits
Tuesday	10.30-11.30	1.30-2.30
Wednesday	10.30-11.30	1.30-2.30
Thursday	10.30-11.30	1.30-2.30
Friday- Teddy Bears Picnic	10.30-11.30	1.30-2.30

Week commencing 28th September; Group 1 start school on Monday, Group 2 on Wednesday

We are looking forward to meeting you all soon,

Mrs Best, Miss Milner, Mrs Wignell and everyone at Holmesdale.