

Nanpean C P School
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Dear Parent / Carer,

First and foremost, I would like to welcome you to the Nanpean School family and to say how excited we all are to welcome your child into school in September. We found out last week the children that have gained a place at Nanpean and I therefore felt it appropriate to write to you. I am delighted that you have chosen Nanpean School for your child and look forward to an exciting and prosperous seven years supporting your child and you as a family. Everyone at Nanpean School is aware that starting school is such a special time; a time for exciting new experiences, new friends and a step towards more independence for your child, and we hope to make this as exciting and smooth a process as possible.

Over the next few months, before the Summer Holidays begin at the end of July, we intend to provide support for you and your child prior to them starting at Nanpean School. Unfortunately, due to the ongoing Covid-19 related circumstances, much of the following is dependent on the 'roadmap out of lockdown'. We intend to provide a Parents Information session, Home Visits, Transition Days, a Virtual Tour, and an All About Me booklet for you and your child to complete. We will also be sending a parent handbook which gives information about Nanpean School.

Miss Jackson (previously known as Mrs Hayes), our EYFS (Reception Class) Teacher will also work with our feeder Nursery settings to gather information about the children. All Nursery settings should be sending us a copy of your child's 'EYFS Transfer Document' so key staff who will be working with your child can begin to build a picture of their interests and talents.

If any of these things become impossible due to Covid-19, I will ensure you are provided with as much information as possible in alternative, appropriate ways, such as through letters, videos, and of course our school website.

If you are unsure of anything at all after reading this letter and looking through the information on our website (www.nanpean.cornwall.sch.uk), then please do not hesitate to contact us on the number shown above (at the top of the letter).

Beginning and end of school day procedures

Children can usually arrive any time between 8.45am and 9.00am. This allows a steady flow of children entering the school building and allows time for parents to quickly discuss things with school staff, if required, before Registration begins at 9am (please note that staff do have to complete Registers, which are a legal requirement, promptly at 9am so are unable to discuss matters after this time). All children enter the school building through the external door to their classroom and are welcomed by a member of staff. Please can I also remind you that parents must say their goodbyes at the door and may not enter the school building. This could be difficult for some children while they get used to their new school and routine, so it is important to make your child aware of this and prepare them in advance.

Doors are closed promptly at 9.00am. If your child arrives at school after 9.00am, you must bring them into school via our school office at the front of the building where they will be signed into school and brought around to class by a member of our office staff. This is for their safety and it ensures they are marked into school as their class register will have already been taken. Please note that children brought into school after 9.00am will be marked as late. Information about our late procedures and policies can be found within our school prospectus or on our website.

Please note: much of the above information may change slightly (in terms of timings) dependent on the Covid-19 related guidance for September 2021.

The children have their own peg for their belongings (coat, bag, PE Kit, etc...) The children's coat pegs are located inside the Reception classroom. Please ensure that your child brings the following items to school every day:

- PE Kit



- Coat
- Reading Folder / Book Bag
- Wellies (for Outdoor Learning sessions)

You will collect your child at 3.10pm from the classroom. It is important for you to be prompt as the children will be tired by this time following a full day at school. If you are going to be late please call the school office on 01726 822447 to inform a member of staff as soon as possible. If you are late collecting your child from school you must go to the school office as other doors will be closed. If your child needs to leave school early you must contact the school office and provide an explanation.

During home time it is important that the children are dismissed safely and calmly, so please be patient with staff while we are getting to know your name and faces. This ensures that everyone goes home safely and that staff are able to pass messages on to parents if needed.

If someone new will be picking your child up at the end of the day please make them aware of these procedures, and also make a member of staff aware of this change, or alternatively call the school office. The children are not allowed to be picked up by children under the age of 16, unless you have provided written consent in advance.

If your child is going to be absent from school, we ask that you ring the school office before 9am to inform us, and also contact the school each day your child will be absent. If you do not do this, your child's absence will be recorded as unauthorised (further information relating to absences can be seen in our school Attendance Policy, which is available on our school website).

Preparation for beginning Nanpean School

We know your child will make great progress on their journey through Nanpean School, and with the support and encouragement of their families. Reading to your child as often as possible is an excellent way to promote an early love of reading and is essential for the early language development your child needs to make a great start to their school life. This does not just solely include bedtime stories. You can read to your child when you're 'out and about' by pointing out signs and labels, and encouraging your child to spot letters in their environment, such as street signs and car registration plates. You could play 'I spy' games to encourage your child's awareness of initial sounds in a fun way. It is also important to practise writing skills with your child at home. You can practise writing with just about anything, this does not have to be done sitting at a table with a piece of paper and a pen. Remember to be creative! Practise writing and mark making with chalks outside, making letters with play-dough, or writing with water and paintbrushes, or even (for the brave) with shaving foam on windows! You could ask your child to help you write shopping lists and talk about the initial sounds in words. You could make a scrap book related to a special event and help your child record their favourite activities by writing in words or picking out sounds that they can hear. This will give them a great start when they begin to learn about letters and the sounds they make when the children start their daily phonics sessions.

In the same way, it is a great idea to encourage your child's mathematical thinking. You could spot numbers together on clocks, buses or telephones. Help your child count accurately by chanting numbers in order and sing songs and nursery rhymes together to help promote this learning. You should encourage your child to practise writing numbers in the same way they will practise their letter shapes. While out and about you can encourage 'real life' mathematics, such as helping them to recognise coins, talking about times in the day, days of the week, months of the year and also spotting shapes in their environment. As you can see, mathematics in school is not just about counting!

We know you already give a lot of support to your children, and we love to see what your child has been learning at home. We welcome the children bringing in photographs or examples of work to share with their class. This is something that we regularly ask your child to do after school holidays for them to talk about when they return. We love to see medals and certificates and celebrate their achievements with them from various activities the children do outside of school too! This all helps us to build a holistic view of your child's learning and can be added to their learning journeys.



Contact from Nanpean School

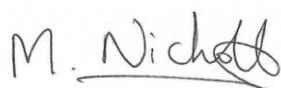
We contact families by phone, letter, e-mail and text message via the E-schools service, social media and by our school website. At school, children start in Reception class using 'Tapestry', and we will ensure logins are set up for you in due course for this and E-schools.

I hope that you have found the information in this letter worthwhile and helpful. If at any time you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact Nanpean School: 01726 822447 or office@nanpean.cornwall.sch.uk

On receipt of this letter, please could you contact the school (via phone or e-mail, contact details above) to confirm that you have received this letter, and stating a preferred e-mail address that we can use for further communication and sending further information to you over the next few months.

Once again, welcome to Nanpean School. I look forward to meeting you and your child(ren) in the coming months.

Best wishes,



Mr M Nicholls (Headteacher).

