



THE WHITEOAK ACADEMIES OF HANNAH MORE INFANTS AND GROVE JUNIORS

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1st May 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Foundation Stage (Reception) Intake September 2026

We are delighted that your child will be joining our family of schools this coming September. On behalf of the staff, governors, children and families of The Whiteoak Academies of Hannah More Infants & Grove Juniors, it gives me great pleasure to welcome you all. We hope that your association with the school is a long and happy one.

Starting school is such an exciting time and we look forward to sharing this special event with you. This letter outlines the induction programme for our new Reception children and families.

School Readiness session: Wednesday 6th May at 6.00pm

We would like to invite parents and carers to attend our School Readiness session. The aim of this session is to provide helpful guidance on how you can support your child in getting ready for school. It will also be a great opportunity to connect with other parents and carers ahead of September. Refreshments will be available.

Pre-School and Nursery Visits

Our staff will visit local pre-schools and nurseries during the summer term. On these occasions, staff will spend some time getting to know the children and discuss any particular needs with pre-school or nursery staff. We will also contact all other pre-school settings and nurseries before September.

Information Meeting for Parents and Carers: Wednesday 24th June at 6.00 p.m.

We have arranged an evening visit (for parents and carers only) on Wednesday 24th June at 6.00 p.m. This will give you the opportunity to meet the Reception staff team and visit your child's classroom. You will also be given a range of information about starting dates and receive an induction pack.

Parent meetings

In July, we will be offering parents and carers the choice of either a short home visit or a telephone call with their child's teacher. This will be a valuable opportunity to share any questions, concerns or information you feel is important ahead of your child starting with us.

Visits for Children: Wednesday 1st July and Thursday 9th July

Children are invited to visit their new classes on the above dates at the following times:

9.00 a.m. – 10.15 a.m. (Group B - children born between 1st April and 31st August)

1.20 p.m. – 2.45 p.m. (Group A - children born between 1st September and 31st March)





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Teddy Bears' Picnic: Wednesday 15th July at 1.30pm – 2.30pm

We would like to invite you and your child to a Teddy Bears' Picnic on Wednesday 15th July. This will take place on the school field and will be a lovely, relaxed opportunity for children and parents to meet one another, as well as some of our staff, in an informal setting. Please feel free to bring along a favourite teddy bear and a small snack to enjoy together. We look forward to welcoming you for a fun and friendly afternoon!

September Information

We know that a gentle transition helps children settle into school with confidence. To support this, the children will begin attending school on a part-time timetable on Monday 7th September, with all pupils attending full time by Monday 14th September.

Class Allocation

By the end of June, you will receive an email confirming which class your child will be in, 'Honeybees' or 'Ladybirds'. Although children are allocated to a class, we work closely as a whole unit in the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS). This means your child will be supported by all EYFS staff and will have regular opportunities to mix and learn with children from both classes, as we share our indoor and outdoor learning spaces.

As part of our transition process, nursery staff share valuable information about your child, including the positive friendships they have developed. This helps us make thoughtful decisions about friendship groups and class placements, so your child feels happy, secure and well supported as they start school. Nursery staff have also been invited to a School Readiness session and will be able to support both you and your child throughout the coming months.

You can find a welcome video and other useful information on our ['Joining our School in September'](#) webpage.

School Uniform

Uniforms can be purchased online from School Togs. To ensure everything is ready for September, School Togs strongly recommend placing your orders early. Throughout June, they will be offering a 10% discount on all orders. Please see the flyer attached to the email.





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For full details about our school uniform, please visit our '[Uniform](#)' page on the school website. To purchase uniform, please go directly to the School Togs website at www.schooltogsnailsea.co.uk. We recommend contacting School Togs to confirm ordering timescales and check sizing information.

Before September, your child will be allocated to one of our house teams: Tythe Tigers (red), Moorend Eagles (blue), Trendlewood Wolves (yellow), or Glasswork Grizzlies (green). School Togs provides PE t-shirts in each of these colours. You will receive an email with your child's house team allocation by the end of May.

May we once again take the opportunity to say how delighted we are to be able to welcome you and your child to The Whiteoak Academies. If you have any questions in advance of the Information Evening on 24th June, please do not hesitate to contact us at school on 01275 851127 or by emailing school@hannahmoreandgrove.co.uk.

With very best wishes,

Mrs Victoria Reyes & Mrs Rebecca Carr
Executive Headteacher & EYFS Lead

