

**CROWLAND SOUTH VIEW
COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL**
Lincolnshire County Council
Postland Road
Crowland
Peterborough
PE6 OJA

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24th April 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Children starting school in September 2023

I am writing to welcome all families that have been offered a Reception place for their child at South View Community Primary.

Firstly, thank you for choosing South View Community Primary School for your child to take their first steps towards independence. We are a thriving school community and welcome you and your family with open arms. We look forward to your child starting their school journey with us in September and getting to know them as the wonderful individuals that they are!

As a school, we are committed to smooth and timely transitions that allow each child to settle in, get to know their teachers and make new friends. We believe parents and carers play a key role in the transition, so you too can feel reassured that your children are safe and happy.

Starting school is a milestone for both you and your child. It is a time to be celebrated. We will be providing support and further guidance about how you can prepare your child and give them the best possible start to school. We know, as parents you like to plan ahead, so we have some key dates where you will be able to meet the staff and get to know more about what 'starting school' at South View Community Primary will be like.

Transition information from current Pre-school/Nursery/Child Minder is really important for teachers during this Summer Term. Please click the link and inform us of where children currently attend so we can begin transition arrangements.

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=LIHL-W9YFkaTcWoTgOQLMrm08K8qsKIch8WjHqpYPe1UREtDTE1MMzNJSEnz50hVRDQyNEdRWkVFUC4u>

We would like to invite you to attend our **'Welcome Induction Evening'** on **Tuesday 27th June at 6:00pm**. This is an information evening for parents of children starting school in September 2023. It will be a chance for you to meet the Foundation Stage teachers, hear about the curriculum and what goes on in Foundation Stage, answer any questions you may have and give you all the information you need to prepare for September. Please note, this session is intended for adults and wouldn't be suitable for children to attend.

Following this event, children will be invited to a **'Stay and Play'** session on **Wednesday 5th July**. This session will be held in two groups, either the morning or the afternoon. This session will last for around 1 and half hours allowing children to visit the Foundation Stage provision with one parent/carers and start to become familiar with the classroom environment. Further information regarding this session will be sent out to you.

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Finally, we will also be planning to conduct home visits for the new cohort of children. These will take place during **weeks beginning 3rd and 10th of July**. The visits are only a short 15-minute meeting with yourself and your child in your own environment. This visit is for us to find out a little bit more about your child and ensure we have all of the information needed to allow a smooth start to school in September. We have learned over several years that these sessions are valuable for us when supporting children starting school.

The home visit sessions will be booked via an online questionnaire where you will be able to give us your availability for that time period and then the Foundation Stage team will schedule an appointment time with you. Further information about this will be sent out to you closer to the time.

I am sure you are starting to think of questions about starting school, please do not worry, the Foundation Stage staff are very experienced at supporting families who have their first child starting school, so be reassured that everything you need to know will be communicated to you before the end of the Summer Term.

At South View Community Primary, we aim to build an excellent relationship between home and school and this continues to be a priority for us. Please do not hesitate to contact us should you require further information at this time, email enquiries@southview.lincs.sch.uk.

In the meantime, please take a look at our school website page: <https://www.southviewprimary.co.uk/>

We also have a school Twitter and Facebook page for parents. Please visit and follow/join:



South View
@view_south



South View Community Primary School

(When joining our Facebook Group (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/329590672311730>) please answer the 'relationship to school' membership question as 'NEW parent' and state your child's name as it would have appeared on their admission form, so that we can quickly identify you.)

Welcome to the South View family, we look forward to meeting you all in the coming months.

Warm Regards

Mrs J Tomlins and the Foundation Stage Team



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