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Dear Parents/Carers,

We are now in a position to give some further information to help you plan for your child's school start in September.

We are offering telephone appointments during the first week back at school. If you would like to talk over any last minute worries or concerns, or have any questions, please email the school office@barnsgreen.org.uk by Monday 6th September and we will send you an appointment time.

The timetable for September will be as follows: (**please pay particular attention to the information in bold**)

Monday 6th - Dormouse Y1 children attend school/ in the afternoon class teachers will be available for parent appointments. **No Reception children in school.**

Tuesday 7th - Dormouse Y1 children attend school.
9.30-11.00 - **Reception Group A settling session** / 1.00-2.30 **Reception Group B settling session.**

Wednesday 8th - Dormouse Y1 children attend school/ in the afternoon class teachers will be available for parent appointments. **No Reception children in school.**

Thursday 9th - Dormouse Y1 children attend school.
9.30-11.00 - **Reception Group B settling session** / 1.00-2.30 **Reception Group A settling session.**

Friday 10th - Dormouse Y1 children attend school/ in the afternoon class teachers will be available for parent appointments. **No Reception children in school.**

Monday 13th – Dormouse Y1 children attend school/**Group A settling morning and lunch 9.15 – 1.10pm**

Tuesday 14th – Dormouse Y1 children attend school/**Group B settling morning and lunch 9.15 – 1.10pm**



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Wednesday 15th – Dormouse Y1 children attend school/**Group A settling morning and lunch 9.15 – 1.10pm**

Thursday 16th – Dormouse Y1 children attend school/**Group B settling morning and lunch 9.15 – 1.10pm**

Friday 17th – Dormouse Y1 children attend school/**Group A and B together settling morning plus lunch 9.15 – 1.10pm**

Week Commencing 20th September - new Reception starters begin as per part time/staggered/full time choice.

Please drop your child off at the gate between the bus stop and crossroads.

Your child will be in Group B for their settling in session.

We offer different starting pathways to try to make your child's start to school life as enjoyable as possible. Even children who have been in full time nursery find the step up to school life very tiring. At nursery the adult to child ratios were higher. In school our ratio is 1:15 in Dormouse Class. Naturally there is a far higher level of independence required and for some children this is very mentally and physically draining. We have been teaching this class together for 10 years so have plenty of experience to share about what we have found works best.

With this in mind, we generally recommend that if your child is born in the Summer Term, they initially begin on a part time basis, every morning, and are collected after lunch at 1.10pm. Children born in the Spring Term often find the staggered start pathway the most appropriate, so a full day on a Monday, then home after lunch for the rest of the week. Then the following week full days on Monday and Tuesday and home after lunch for the rest of the week etc. so that after 5 weeks they are full-time. Autumn born children are generally ready to begin full time in September, but again, you may decide that the staggered pathway is more suitable. If you're unsure, we would recommend going with the lesser option and if your child copes well and you feel they could cope with more, we can have a chat and amend things for them.

It is very difficult to reduce attendance if you child isn't coping as by this time they will have become tired and possibly upset and have a more negative association with school. For that reason we always recommend starting small and moving up.



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Please return the attached form to the school office ASAP to indicate your preference. Alternatively, an email indicating your preference will be fine too.

Many thanks

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Dormouse Class Teachers



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Name of child _____

I/we wish for our child to start in reception following the entrance route indicated below:

Starting point	Please clearly indicate one of the choices
Full time beginning Monday 20 th September	
Staggered start (full-time on Monday 20 th , part-time the rest of that week, increasing a day full time each week leading to full-time during week 5 of the autumn term)	
Part-time (mornings collect at 1.10pm)	

Signed (Parent/Carer) _____ Date _____

