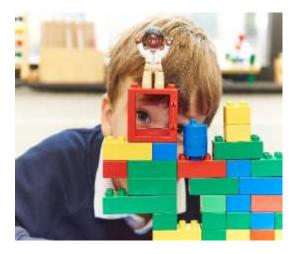


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Induction Booklet for New Parents



# Reception Classes 2023-2024





Dear Parents & Carers,

Welcome to Naphill and Walters Ash School. I am pleased that your child is to become a member of our school community.

Starting school can be a worrying prospect for both children and parents alike! It is clear that children feel more secure and learn best when there is a close partnership between home and school. In this booklet, I hope to give you a comprehensive look at the Foundation Stage Unit and how we work.

We are pleased to be offering your child a full induction program. Teachers will be able to visit nurseries and see children in their own setting, and many children will be able to visit us prior to starting in September.

We aim to set Tapestry up at the end of July and post a short 'hello' video to help your child to become familiar with us. We would love for you to post pictures and details of some of the things you do over the summer and that way we can start to build relationships before your child begins school.

Please read all the information that follows carefully and keep this booklet for future reference; it is extremely helpful if you can refresh your memory about the Early Years Foundation Stage Curriculum, Baseline and Profile <u>before each parents evening</u>.

Once again, may I welcome you to our school. I hope your child settles quickly into school routines and I look forward to getting to know you and your children personally.

Many thanks,

Mrs J Pascoe Foundation Stage Co-ordinator

#### Early Years Foundation Stage Curriculum

We follow the 'Early Years Foundations Stage Framework' (EYFS) and 'Development Matters' guidance. We aim to give your child a broad and balanced curriculum and follow the advice from both these documents. Here is a brief overview. The EYFS curriculum covers development from birth to 5 years, so our curriculum follows on from Pre-school and works towards the Early Learning Goals (ELGs). The curriculum is broken up into 7 areas of learning including 17 aspects. There are 3 Prime Areas and 4 Specific Areas as follows:

Areas of Learning		Early Learning Goals
<u>Prime Areas</u>	Communication and language	Listening, Attention and Understanding Speaking
	Physical development	Gross Motor Skills
		Fine Motor Skills
	Personal, Social and	Self -Regulation
	Emotional development	Managing Self
		Building Relationships
<u>Specific</u> <u>Areas</u>	Literacy	Comprehension
		Word Reading
		Writing
	Mathematics	Number
		Numerical Patterns
	Understanding the world	Past and Present
		People, Culture and Communities
		The Natural World
	Expressive arts and	Creating and Materials
	design	Being Imaginative and Expressive

All areas of learning and development are important and interconnected. The 3 Prime Areas reflect the key knowledge and skills all children need to develop and learn effectively. Pre-schools should focus strongly on these 3 Prime Areas, which lay the foundations for future learning in all the other areas. It is expected that the balance will change to reflect an equal focus across all areas of development as a child grows in confidence and ability within the Prime Areas. Your children should experience a good range of activities covering all areas. If their ability in any of the Prime Areas gives cause for concern, we will discuss this with you and focus more on this area until they are competent within it.



As well as these areas of development, we look at the different ways in which children learn. The EYFS lays out the Characteristics of Effective Learning. When planning activities we aim to reflect the different ways in which children learn. The curriculum is based on learning through play. The guidance states that 'Play is essential for children's development, building their confidence as they learn to explore, to think about problems, and relate to others.' The early days at school are much like Pre-school and very gradually become more formal. We work at the child's pace and when they are ready to progress, we present them with activities that will help them to do so. There should be a balance between child led and adult led activities and as the children mature this should

become more adult led in preparation for transition to Year 1. Children have the opportunity to explore the curriculum both indoors and out all year. Please ensure they have appropriate clothing in school at all times. Clearly labelled welly boots can be stored on the welly rack and should be left in school all year. Raincoats and summer hats need to be provided during the relevant seasons!

#### <u>The 5 R's</u>

At Naphill and Walters Ash School we believe in and encourage the children to develop the 5 R's. We aim to develop independent active learners who can think for themselves and are motivated to learn. In Reception we learn to understand these values through stories and discussions.

#### **Assessment**

By providing the children with a variety of activities covering all areas of the



curriculum we gradually get to know them. We take time to make careful observations of your children at play and provide them with opportunities to demonstrate their knowledge and skills. We take photographs of your children to evidence our findings as well as making written observations. This information along with your child's previous setting report and information provided by yourselves, will form the basis of our initial assessment and will inform our planning of future activities. We will assess your child within the first 6 weeks. The government requires us to complete a National Baseline Assessment. Our assessments will be shared with you at a formal parent's consultation in October. Assessment is a continuous process and takes place throughout the year. Your child's progress will be reported to you each term at a parent's consultation meeting, You will receive targets for your child and a brief summary of their attainment prior to each meeting and this will be used to form the basis of the parent consultation. Assessment is ongoing throughout the year and will be shared with your regularly on Tapestry and at our parent consultation meetings.

During the summer term we will be assessing your children within each of the 17 Areas of Learning against the ELG's (Early Learning Goal). We will use all our evidence from assessments to make a best-fit judgement on your child's learning and development. This will give one of two outcomes that your child has;

- reached the description of the level of development <u>expected</u> at the end of the EYFS i.e the ELG for that area of development has been achieved
- is not yet at the level of development expected at the end of the EYFS and is therefore <u>emerging</u> and the ELG has not been achieved

It is this end of year information that is submitted to County. Alongside this, we will talk to you about how your child learns in relation to the Characteristics of Learning. All this vital information will form the centre of a discussion with the Year 1 teachers at the end of the year.

#### <u>Tapestry</u>

We use Tapestry, a personal on-line Learning Journey which records photos, observations and comments, in line with the Early Years Foundation Stage, to build up a record of your child's experiences during their time with us. Tapestry is a system which is hosted in the UK on secure servers. You will have secure access (via email address and password) to your child's Learning Journey and in addition to viewing our contributions, we encourage you to add to it by uploading photos and comments, or commenting on observations made by us. We will set up this account for you in July and post stories over the summer and would love you to post pictures of what you have been up to. You will be able to access your child's Learning Journey whenever you want from most IT devices and it can be downloaded in the form of an app. This will mean you will be better informed about your child's progress and we hope that you will take an active part in your child's learning and share achievements and learning at home with us. This is especially good for parents who may be working away from home as you will still be able to access your child's Learning Journey and comment on their progress. We actively encourage you to like a post, comment on your child's work we have posted, ask any questions about your child's development or next steps displayed in a post and also upload your own posts of the things you do at home and at the weekend. Homework is often detailed in the Tapestry post and the word HOMEWORK is always in bold so you can guickly see what is to be done.

#### The Foundation Stage Unit

The Foundation Stage Unit is completely self-contained but linked to the main school. The toilets are within the unit and are unisex. The two classes are formed from information from Pre-school settings and generally follow friendship groups. We aim to have a balance of boys and girls, ages of children, village and Service families and out of area children.

Your child will be classed in either Gruffalo Class or Hungry Caterpillar Class and will be assigned a teacher as their key worker who you will meet at every parent's consultation. Your child will have a coat peg within their classroom where they attend registration. The unit is organised into six bases catering for the different areas of the curriculum, two bases are outside. Each classroom reflects a number of 'Areas of Learning' and each class accesses the Courtyard Area, Outside Area, the Technology Room and the Creative Area. Your child will work with all the adults in the unit. The morning will be more teacher directed with the children working in small groups with their teacher or a teaching assistant and in the afternoon, they will be free to pursue their own child-initiated activities, with staff supporting their learning and making observations. Our teaching assistants also supervise some of the lunchtime and this provides good continuity of care for your child.

In order to enable us to have continuous provision set up in the Creative Area the children will be eating in the hall. To enable more specific learning opportunities to be set up in the Outside Area, we will have playtime in a protected area of the big playground where the older age groups are not allowed to enter.

Children can spend up to 50% of the time outside. Although both areas are covered to some extent, your child will need a pair of wellies to be kept in school, and when purchasing a coat, please ensure it is warm and waterproof.

We aim to have a balance of teacher directed activities and child initiated activities. We aim to encourage independent learners who are well motivated to pursue their own interests. All adults share observations and keep detailed records of the activities your child explores and then plan together to design the next opportunities to provide your child.

#### <u>The school day</u>

The school day begins at 8:40 am and you can access the Reception Unit from the gate by the staff car park. There will be a member of staff on the gate to greet the children and take any messages from you. The children then walk into class where another member of staff will encourage your child to be as independent as possible, hanging up their coat and possessions.

The school day finishes at 3:10 pm. Foundation Stage children exit via the same gate they enter and we ask you to line up and we will call each child out as we see you. All children MUST be met by a parent OR a named adult. The teacher or school office must be informed of any changes to collection arrangements.

The school day commences with registration before dividing between the teacher and the teaching assistant for a teacher directed activity. The children will have access to child initiated activities in the time they are not working with their adult.

There will be a 15 min break/playtime and snack time. After this break, the children will again split between the teachers or teaching assistant as earlier, but for a different activity. Phonics will start after the first 3 weeks. Initially it will be after lunch, then as the year progresses, will move to after morning registration. Children will be split across the 2 classes for Phonics so we can cater for as many ability groups as possible. Phonics is taught separately from the rest of the curriculum and in ability groups, which are flexible and change over the year as children make progress. We use 'Read Write Inc,' to teach Phonics.

Lunch is between 12pm and 1pm and combines another playtime.

The children will then have registration at 1pm followed by a short story or discussion session before being free to pursue their own child initiated learning for the rest of the afternoon. During this time, some children will be targeted for extra adult support or extension activities. During all these sessions there will be structured carpet times both in small groups and whole classes for story time, discussions, and singing sessions.

The school day finishes at 3:10 pm.

Wednesday is our Forest School day and PE day.

In the first early weeks, we will be getting used to working in these groups and offering your children a variety of opportunities from which they can demonstrate their knowledge and understanding. During this time, we make careful observations to fill in our records and to inform us of the next steps for your child. After this initial assessment period, we can group the children more effectively and start providing them with appropriate activities to further their development.

#### <u>Break times</u>

Fruit is provided during morning break but if your child does not wish to eat the provided fruit, they need to bring in a piece of fruit or vegetable in a labelled bag or container that needs to be kept separate from their lunch box.

We provide a carton of milk for any child who would like it. Please notify staff if your child does not like/drink milk. If your child cannot have cows milk please provide a carton of a milk alternative i.e. soya/oat milk each week and we can decant it into a cup for them each day. Your child should have a **drinking bottle** for water only, again clearly named so they can have access to a drink any time of the day, and so we can take them outside with us. If they require a different drink for lunchtime such as juice of any kind this should be separate and only for lunchtime.

#### <u>Lunchtime</u>

Children can bring in their own packed lunch or order one from our school lunch provider. You will still need to provide your child with a drink for lunchtime, which can be juice or squash or they can use their water bottle. (No glass bottles, cans or fizzy drinks please.) All rubbish from the provided lunch is thrown away. We will monitor the provided lunches carefully and let you know if there are any concerns regarding what your child is eating. If your child brings their own packed lunch they will need a lunch box <u>clearly marked on the inside and outside with their name</u>. Please do not put sweets or chocolate bars in your child's lunch box, a chocolate biscuit such as a 'Kit Kat' or 'Penguin' are fine but not a 'Milky Way' or 'Mars Bar'. No rubbish from your own packed lunch will be thrown away so you will be able to see exactly what your child has eaten. Please encourage your child to be as independent as possible. Make sure they can open their containers and packets themselves. If they cannot, they need to put up their hand to politely ask a lunchtime supervisor for assistance. Children will eat in the school hall. If your child is having a school hot lunch, please practise cutlery skills; holding a knife and fork correctly and especially cutting food, so that your child can be as independent as possible.

#### <u>PE</u>

As well as taking part in physical activities both inside and outside the children will be taking part in formal PE sessions. These are held in the main school hall, main school playground or field depending on the type of activity. Children will need a clearly labelled PE kit which they will come to school in on their PE day (Wednesday's). The PE kit should consist of a pair of white socks, navy blue shorts or a pair of navy blue tracksuit bottoms, a pale blue polo shirt, and your child's school logo cardigan or jumper, or the optional PE School logo hooded sweatshirt. Children will need a pair of trainers for PE suitable for inside and outside use. Please provide plain black or white trainers with velcro fastenings and a non-slip sole. <u>Any</u> <u>earrings need to be removed for PE and Forest School.</u>

#### Forest School

The philosophy of Forest Schools (FS) is to encourage and inspire individuals through positive and hands on experiences in nature. Essential personal, social and emotional skills are developed through consistent participation in motivating and achievable outdoor activities. Through regular attendance at Forest School our children develop an appreciation for nature, ecosystems and wildlife. Through practical experience the children learn many valuable skills such as problem solving and how to handle risks as well as building their confidence and self-esteem.

- FS is a long-term process of regular sessions, rather than a one-off or infrequent visits; the cycle of planning, observation, adaptation and review links each session.
- FS takes place in a woodland or natural environment to support the development of a relationship between the learner and the natural world.
- FS uses a range of learner-centred processes to create a community for being, development and learning.
- FS aims to promote the holistic development of all those involved, fostering resilient, confident, independent and creative learners.
- FS offers learners the opportunity to take supported risks appropriate to the environment and to themselves
- FS is overseen by Forest School practitioners who continuously maintain and develop their professional practice.

At Naphill and Walters Ash School we have a dedicated area of woodland at the end of our school field which is used for Forest School. We also use our willow dome, an area of long grass, a log circle, the fort and some small orchard trees.

The activities we provide encourage the children to develop:

Confidence	Collaboration	Coordination	Concentration
Communication	Creativity	Cooperation	Competence
We regularly see our 5 R's in action:			

Resourcefulness Responsibility Reflection Reasoning Respect

A thorough risk assessment of the area and activities are carried out regularly. Most Forest School Leaders are outdoor first aid trained and we have comprehensive emergency procedures in place. Being on site we can still quickly access support and First Aid should it be needed. The children are taught how to identify and manage risks through the use of the safety talk we do before each visit using the safety rules poster.

In Year R all children will go out each week as a class. Each group will be accompanied by at least 3 adults from school.

Forest School is flexible; sessions may vary and be longer or shorter depending on the activity and some classes may go out more or less often. There may also be more adults accompanying groups but never less.

On your child's Forest School day, they will need to wear their own clothes. (See the table below) It is essential that you provide your child with a spare set of clearly named clothes including socks, just in case! <u>School will provide</u> a waterproof coat and waterproof trousers that will fit over their normal clothes. Here are some general guidelines on what to wear depending on the weather. Do not wear anything precious or the height of fashion as it may not come back in pristine condition!!! As your child is doing PE on the same day, PE kit works well for Forest School too and you can put extra layers on underneath.

	Cold	Warm	Hot	
Wet/dry	Thermal undies Fleece or sweat shirt Warm coat Warm trousers or tracksuit bottoms Several layers on top part of body Gloves, Warm hat, 2 pairs of socks, Scarf (optional)	Cotton trousers or tracksuit bottoms Long-sleeved sweat shirt or fleece	Long cotton trousers or leggings Lightweight long-sleeved top Sun cream (already applied) Hat	
	Wellies/Spare socks			



## Our Forest School Safety Rules!



looking

Twigs bounce

back



Hollows can be

deep!



Wet can be

slippyl



Fingers are for Keep hands out of feeling, not for pockets sucking



Wild mushrooms never touch or eatl

### Home School Communication

Teachers are available before and after school. Anything that is vital can be passed on at the start of the day, but it is better to arrange a meeting after school with your child's class teacher if you would like to have a discussion. You can log onto your child's Learning Journal anytime to view their progress and to inform us of any achievements at home. Teachers will discuss your child's progress at a parent consultation meeting each term. Letters are sent via ParentMail to your e-mail address or via an app which can be downloaded onto your phone. All absences should be reported via the school office by phone or email. Each half term you will receive a letter telling you about the topic your children will be covering. School sends out regular news letters keeping you up to date on events.

#### **Behaviour Codes Foundation Stage Year R**



#### **REWARDS**

#### We want to celebrate your good behaviour with:

- Praise and general Stickers
- o Put on the special class 'well done' board and special well done sticker
- You will get a weekly certificate if you do not have any codes
- Special half-termly certificate for those who do not receive any codes.

#### If you <u>choose</u> to behave unacceptably you will receive a code:

#### **CODE ORANGE**

#### You will be given one verbal warning first.

If you repeat the behaviour in a lesson you will be given a code orange which will be recorded. This will be for any of the following:

- Not putting your hand up and calling out before the teacher invites you to speak.
- Not using your indoor voice
- Not looking after equipment and toys
- Not lining up quietly
- Saying unkind things
- Not tidying up when you have been asked to.
- Not sharing

If you receive more than 2 code oranges in a lesson or repeat the code orange behaviour then you will be given a code blue.

#### CODE BLUE

<u>This is serious.</u> You will be given a code blue if you already have 2 code oranges and repeat the same behaviour in a lesson.

#### It will also be given for any of the following:

- Not telling the truth.
- Refusing to do as an adult asks.
- Not following instructions.
- Hurting people on purpose.
- Deliberately breaking or damaging toys or equipment.
- Being rude or verbally hurtful to anyone.
- Swearing
- Intentional spitting

For each code blue you will immediately be given 5 minutes time out. A slip will be sent home to parents/ carers that needs to be signed and returned.

#### CODE PURPLE

<u>This is very serious</u>. You will immediately be withdrawn from the learning environment for a lesson and parents and the head teacher will be informed.

- Repeating code blue behaviour.
- Behaviour such as biting, fighting, hurting adults.
- Severely disrupting lessons.

#### CODE RED

<u>This is extremely serious.</u> The head teacher and your parents will be informed. It may lead to suspension.

- Repeating code purple behaviour
- Displays of violence /abuse/ theft/ vandalism/ racism/ persistent bullying
- Physical aggression towards any member of staff.

#### Sanctions and Rewards

We expect all children to follow the following 'Golden Rules';

- Use your inside voice
- Put things away
- Walk, not run
- Be polite
- Put your hand up
- Share with others
- Take turns

We follow a simplified version of the code system, which is effectively used in the rest of the school. Children will be rewarded with verbal praise, stickers and stamps. Each classroom will have a 'Well Done' board for the children who go the extra mile.

Sanctions have been divided up into different coloured categories, each with a corresponding coloured board, where the child's name will be put if a code is given out. Orange for minor offences; a warning will be issued first and then a code given if the behaviour is repeated. Blue for offences that are more serious or repeating code orange behaviour, in addition parents will receive a slip home explaining briefly what their child did and asking them to sign and return the slip to say they have spoken to their child about their behaviour. There are red and purple codes for more serious offences the chart on the previous page identifies the kinds of behaviour, which fit into each of these colours and the consequences of each.

Orange and blue codes will be recorded on a checklist so we can identify any patterns of behaviour and record how many codes have been issued. If a child receives no codes all week they will receive a weekly 'Well Done' certificate with the class theme on it. They will also receive a half-termly certificate if they keep the golden rules and not receiving a code all half term - these really are an achievement and should be celebrated.

This system has been very successful but as always, some children, due to a particular behavioural problem or personal needs may also be on a personal chart to target a specific behaviour. In this way we hope to be fair to all children and encourage and motivate them to behave well participate and fully in our school.

From October half term, once a week during golden assembly, 1 child from each class is chosen to receive a head teacher's reward sticker for something special.

#### How can I prepare my child for school?

We have often been asked this question. Here is a list of activities that will help prepare them for school, many of which I am sure you do already.

- Share books with your child in a relaxed atmosphere, discussing the pictures
- Play simple games emphasising that it is fun to participate and it is not always necessary to win
- Encourage your child to do simple jigsaws and play with constructional toys i.e duplo
- Throw and catch a large ball
- Move in a range of ways e.g run, hop, jump, climb etc.

- Encourage fine motor control by teaching your child to hold correctly and use simple tools safely, e.g. scissors, pencils, knife and fork etc.
- Provide opportunities for your child to experience play with sand, water, play dough, etc.
- Encourage your child to share and take turns with siblings or when you have friends to play
- Count everything you can, stairs, cars, sweets... Encourage your child to say numbers in the correct order but also to count a group of objects correctly
- Point out numbers in the environment and numbers with significance to them like their age and that of their brothers and sisters
- When taking your child on outings, encourage them to ask questions and point out anything of interest
- Teach your child to dress and undress themselves and attempt to do up the fastenings on their clothes, especially their coat
- Teach your child to take on and off their shoes and socks
- Encourage your child to recognise colours and sort and match by colour, shape and size
- Encourage your child to tidy up
- Support your child to blow their nose
- Support your child to be independent at using the toilet

#### How can I help?

We welcome parental help in school. There are many different ways you can help. Often we need jobs such as covering books, cutting out pictures, making costumes and other tasks, which can be taken home to do. If you would like to come into school to help by playing games and doing activities with the children you need to have a formal DBS check done and organise this with your child's class teacher. We do not have any parental help during the first half term to allow the children to settle. Only when your child is settled into school do we allow a parent to help and your child's class teacher will be able to advise you about this. We do ask for some form of commitment and to a regular morning or afternoon so that we can plan work accordingly. We welcome donations of wool, buttons, beads, ribbon, thread, plant pots large and small, seeds, wrapping paper, used greeting cards and old but clean socks! Regular donations of cardboard junk modelling boxes are vital so your children can bring home wonderful creations! Basically, if you think we could use it, ask us before throwing away items that we could use in craft activities. If you would like to have a bigger impact on school the parents association WANSA is always looking for volunteers for various fundraising projects! Ask in the school office for details of who to contact.

#### Transition to Year 1

Right now, you are concerned with how your child will settle into school but the year passes quickly and soon we will be preparing them for the move into Year 1. Being such a self-contained unit is a huge advantage at the start of the year. However, throughout the year we do begin to address the comprehensive changes that occur as they progress into Year 1. Year 1 teachers come down to visit and the children have several sessions in the Year 1 area as well as having an afternoon visit with their new teacher and classmates in July. This enables the children to be familiar with their new surroundings and confident to move around the larger school environment. During the summer term, we aim to work more formally with the children in preparation for starting the Year 1 curriculum. The Year 1 teachers adapt their curriculum initially during that autumn term to a more play-based curriculum. We have found these changes to be a good introduction into Year 1.

#### School Uniform

Due to the very active nature of the play your children will be experiencing and the fact that we can spend 50% of our time outside, all children can wear navy blue tracksuit bottoms with elasticated legs. This will ensure they will be warmer and appropriately dressed to participate fully and safely in all activities. Black school shoes are required, which are safe for outside use.

Children must wear school uniform at all times for school activities, unless the school specifically states that uniform will not be necessary. Our uniform is smart, practical and inexpensive and the majority of it may be purchased from shops of your own choice. The school sweatshirts, PE hooded jumpers and polo shirts with the logo on can be brought from PMG School Wear, 5 Church Street, High Wycombe, HP11 2BN or can be ordered online at <u>www.pmgschoolwear.co.uk</u>. We believe that uniform helps foster a community ethos and a sense of belonging.

#### <u>All items of equipment and clothing, which your child may have cause to</u> <u>remove, must be clearly and permanently marked with your child's name.</u>

As well as school uniform, your child will require a book bag to bring home library books, letters and eventually reading books. <u>This should be brought to school every day and again clearly</u> <u>named</u>. No jewellery of any kind should be worn, apart from earrings. Hair bobbles or headbands should be navy or black and any bows should be small and navy blue. We require your child to have a full change of clothes left in school in a drawstring PE type bag, with a plastic bag inside so we can send home any wet or dirty clothes. Your child also needs a named pair of wellies to be kept in school.

## **Our School Uniform**

#### Year R – School Uniform

Sky-blue polo shirt (plain or school embroidered)

Mid-grey trousers / shorts / skirt / pinafore dress / navy joggers

School jumper / cardigan

Plain black school shoes, patent or leather (suitable for playing outside, no slip on/heels)

Plain black ankle boots, patent or leather (optional, for winter only (October half term – Easter)

Plain grey or white socks



#### All Years – Additional Summer Uniform (Optional)

(September until October half term, and Summer term only)

Navy checked dress / navy checked playsuit

#### Year R – PE Kit

Year R will come to school dressed in their PE kits on their PE day which is Wednesday

Navy joggers / shorts

Sky-blue polo shirt (plain or school embroidered)

School PE hooded top (optional: if not worn, school cardigan or jumper must be worn, no other hoodies to be worn)

Plain white / navy / black trainers (**No other colour trainers to be worn**), Velcro fastening please, no laces and suitable to be worn outside







#### Acceptable Footwear – Shoes and Trainers (Trainers are to be worn for PE only)





NO HIGH HEELS, UGG STYLE FLEECE BOOTS, CALF OR KNEE LENGTH BOOTS, SLIP ON SHOES ETC. IF YOUR CHILD APPEARS IN SCHOOL WITH THESE STYLES SHOES YOU WILL BE ASKED TO REPLACE THEM WITH MORE SUITABLE FOOTWEAR. IF YOU ARE UNSURE IF A STYLE IS SUITABLE PLEASE CONTACT THE SCHOOL OFFICE BEFORE PURCHASING.

#### Before and After School Care

Quackers are the onsite provider of wrap-around care. Quackers also operate out of the Oakshott Centre on 3 site at RAF High Wycombe. They are run independently from the school, and places need to be booked via them. Details are below.



## <u>Term Dates 2023/2024</u>

	Open	Close		
Autumn Term	Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> September	Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> October		
	Tuesday 31 <sup>st</sup> October	Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December (12 noon finish)		
Spring Term	Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> January 2024	Thursday 8 <sup>th</sup> February		
	Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> February	Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> March (12 noon finish)		
Summer Term	Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> April	Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> May		
	Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> June	Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July (12 noon finish)		
School will be closed on Bank Holiday Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> May 2024				
INSET DAYS	Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> September, Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> October, Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> February, Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> March and Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June – School closed to pupils			

#### <u>Please note at the end of each full term (Christmas, Easter and Summer) school will</u> <u>close at 12 noon for Year R, 2 4 and 6 and 12:10pm for Year 1, 3 and 5.</u> <u>At the end of each half term (October, February and May)</u>

#### school closes at normal time.

Parents do not have an automatic right to remove their child from school during term time for the purpose of a holiday and are strongly advised not to do so. Parents should be aware that if their child is absent for 10 school days they will miss 5% of their education during that academic year. At Naphill and Walters Ash School holiday requests will be unauthorised unless there are exceptional circumstances and such requests must be put in writing to the school.

#### School will be running a staggered induction process over 2 days.

Your child will attend school for their induction on the day and time specified on your class information letter which will be sent out in early June. This will be either Monday 4<sup>th</sup> or Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September.) Parents will be required to stay for a short consultation and your child will spend the remainder of the day in school.

All children will attend school, full time, from Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2023.

## We look forward to seeing you in September. Please keep us updated on Tapestry of what you get up to this summer.