

## Transition through Early Years and Into Year 1

### Transition: Pre-school into School

The transition from Pre-school into School can be a very daunting thought for both parents and children. I hope that this information will help to ease any worries you may have regarding this next step in your child's education.

There are several ways in which we support the transition from Pre-school into School. We hold open mornings which provide an opportunity to come into our classes and have a tour of the school. But don't worry if you miss these because you can book an appointment with Mrs Newing, our School Business Manager, who is always happy to meet new parents and give them a guided tour around the school.



When the application process is completed and your child has been offered a place at Reculver School each class has their very own Teddy Bears Tea Party. This gives both you and your child/children a chance to come to school for a play session and meet the other children who will be starting school in September. This is then followed by two play sessions which help the children to get to know a little bit more about their new learning environment.

I work alongside our closest nurseries, Beltinge Day Nursery, ABC and Goldfinch Nursery. We invite these nurseries to come along to our Christmas Performance in December. I spend time talking to the staff to gain an understanding of the children who are hoping to come to Reculver School and this also helps me to place the children with a friend or a suitable friendship group.

In September, just before the children come to school part-time, we complete home visits. These are individual parent and child meetings. This is because we want to make sure that you and your child can talk to us about the daily routines and share any worries or concerns that you may have. The children will then spend the first two weeks part-time, from 8.40 am - 12 noon, settling into their new surroundings before they take the plunge into full-time school.

### Transition: Year R into Year 1

In order to ease the transition from Early Years into Year 1 we begin by arranging for the Year 1 teachers to come and play with the children or read them a story. This helps the children to become familiar with the other teachers and adults in the school. The next step is for the children to be told which teacher and class they will be moving to. This is followed by a transition day towards the end of Term 6. The children spend a whole day with their new teacher, in their new classroom and with their new friends.

When the children first return to school in September the Year 1 teachers mirror the previous Term 6 routines and timetable, to help the children settle into their new year group really quickly. Changes to the timetable are then made gradually.