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Dear Parents/Carers,

Starting Primary School is such a special time for you and your child and we are very keen to ensure that your child has a happy and successful start to Parkend School. We are also conscious that your journey as parents is a positive one.

New Entrants' Classroom Visits – Rising 5 Sessions

To give your child the opportunity to meet staff and spend time in their new classroom (Hedgehog Class) before September, we would like to invite them into school before the Summer holidays for **two** play sessions.

These will take place on **Monday 6th July** and **Tuesday 7th July** at **9am – 1pm**, where the children can bring their lunch. These sessions will be solely for the new children (no parents/siblings). If you feel that your child would be confident to stay and play with us, then it would be lovely to see them.

Home Visits

At Parkend School, we complete a home visit for every child starting our school. This is a lovely opportunity for your child to meet their class teacher in an environment that is comfortable to them. It also gives your child's teacher the opportunity to get to know you and your child before they join us in school. This will help to establish a strong foundation, creating a long-lasting partnership, which we work hard to maintain.

The Home Visits will take place on **Wednesday 24th June** and there is a choice of a morning or afternoon slot. The class teacher will contact you to book a time slot.

We will be handing out a pack of forms on the home visits that need to be completed and returned to school before your child starts. For administrative purposes, we will need to see your child's original birth certificate before September. **If possible, please bring the completed forms and the birth certificate with you on the Parent Information Evening.**

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New Entrants' Parents Information Evening

This will be held on **Wednesday 8th July at 5pm**. This evening is a chance to meet the Hedgehog team and Mrs Burke, the Executive Head Teacher, to explain to you some of the school routines and expectations, things that your children will experience and how best to support your child. It will also be a chance for you to ask questions of your own – we try to make it very relaxed and informal. The first part of the meeting will last about an hour. After that, parents may choose to stay on to have a tour of the school and/or stay for a coffee and chat. Please note that this meeting is for parents/carers only and is **not** suitable for children.

We look forward to meeting you and should you have any questions, please email admin@parkend.gloucs.sch.uk.

Yours sincerely,

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Mrs. K. Burke
Executive Head Teacher

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