

CPS - Nursery to P1 Transition Timeline



AUGUST – JULY

- **School Familiarisation**

Throughout your child's pre-school year, they will have regular opportunities to visit the P1 classroom and other places in the school. These opportunities will increase in frequency from January.

JANUARY

- **P1 Applications Open**

These can be completed online, or paper copies can be collected from the school. If you require support to complete these, just ask. If you are not in catchment, in addition to completing a placing request, please remember it is important to still complete an application for your catchment school also.

- **P1 Deferrals Open**

If your child is still 4 on the first day of P1, they will have the option to have an additional year at nursery. If we believe this is something your child would benefit from, a member of the nursery team will discuss this with you so you can weigh up the pros and cons of this. If you want longer to consider what is best for your child, you can complete a P1 deferral and a P1 application.

- **Teacher Visits – Class and Nursery**

If we can identify who the P1 teacher will be for the next session, your child will get regular opportunities to meet this teacher. In addition, their teacher will come to see them regularly in the

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MARCH

- **P1 Applications Close**

- **P1 Enhanced Transition Meetings**

Once the applications close, we will begin to meet with families of children who may require some additional support and transition for P1. We will also have planning meetings for pupils who are or may be deferring P1 (due to being 4 on the first day of P1).

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- **Buddies**

• Pupils from the current P6 year-group (future P7s when your child is a P1) will apply to become 'Buddies'.

JUNE

- **Buddies Nursery Visits**

The successful Buddy applicants will get regular opportunities to come down to the nursery and meet their future P1 buddies. Under adult supervision and support, they will get to know each other through short play visits. This is in preparation for supporting them when they are in P1

- **Teacher visit to pupils who do not attend our nursery**

Not all our pupils will be coming from our nursery. To support their transition, we will try to arrange, with their families and nurseries, an opportunity for them to meet their P1 teacher on a 1:1 basis.

- **School Lunch, Meet the Teacher and P1 Transition Information event**

For this event we invite families to have an early lunch in our dinner hall with their child. This will give the P1's a first look at what a school dinner will be like in P1. Afterwards, the children will go with their P1 teacher to the classroom to take part in some P1 class activities while their families get to hear about important information about P1.

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- **Transition Newsletters**

To help your child prepare for P1 over the school summer holidays, we will schedule a series of newsletters with information and photos to remind them about what to expect in P1. These will also have some activities that you and your child can share in to help get them ready for the expectations of P1.

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- **Transition Newsletters**

- **First day of P1**

Pupils will line up outside their P1 classroom door for 9am where they will be brought into class by their teacher for their first official full day in P1!

- **Early lunch and early breaks**

To ease the new P1s into the new experience, they will initially have early breaks, away from the rest of the school, in a smaller play area. Over the next two weeks they will gradually be given more space and, as they grow in confidence, will get to have breaks times with the rest of the school.

- **Buddies**

Initially, the P7 Buddies will have early breaks with the P1s throughout the first week to gradually support your child's independence as a P1. With school adult support and supervision, they will encourage your child to grow in confidence to play with the other P1's. They will also show them where to line up, lunchtime routines and where important places like the toilets are at breaktimes. By the end of the second week most children will not need their buddies help but for some children their Buddy will still be around to check in on them if required.