

EY 2 & EY 3 Transition Schedule 2023-24

Monday August 21st: 8:30 - 3:00 pm	New and Returning Family Interviews <i>Appointments to be scheduled via email sign-up system</i>
Tuesday August 22nd:	For each class, with snack Group A: 8:30-10:30 Group B: 11:00-13:00
Wednesday August 23rd:	Whole class, with snack 8:30-11:30
Thursday August 24th:	Whole class, with snack and lunch 8:30-13:30
From Friday August 25th:	Full day with snack and lunch 8:00-13:45 (Normal Friday time schedule) from Monday, August 28 8:00-15:00

Individual Interview Day:

This is a chance for both returning and new students along with their parents to have a one-to-one conference with their teacher. The teacher can go over class routines and expectations, and answer any questions or concerns the parents or children may have. A scheduling system email will be sent to you.

Benefits to Transition:

1. In small groups, preschoolers can observe their new classmates, to see what they like to do and how they respond to the classroom. They may learn a few names and have a chance to connect meaningfully with their teacher. They are more likely to leave feeling confident and eager rather than overwhelmed.
2. Children internalise classroom routines. How many transitions are there in a preschooler's day? Typically, more than we would wish. Young children can more easily internalise the sequence of their day if they approach it one step at a time. Here's where I sit for a snack, where I place my cup and here's how I push in my chair. Presenting the school days in bite-size pieces gives children the chance to make sense of its parts and master the sequence.
3. Children wish they could stay longer; they can't wait to come back the next day!
4. Teachers have the opportunity to get to know the individual children in their class, to think through grouping strategies, and how to begin creating a solid classroom community.