

Dear 2018 Kindergarten Parents,

It was exciting to see so many of you at the Information Evening on Tuesday. For those of you who were unable to make it, information packages can be collected from the school office or can be posted to you, on request.

I did have some post meeting feedback that sitting on the children's chairs was a bit hard on the adult posteriors! I apologise for any numbness and have made note for future meetings to include a stretch break to re-establish circulation!

At the meeting, mention was made of the forthcoming Kindergarten Orientation Day, scheduled for the 5th December 2017. Once again, to avoid an overwhelming crowd of little people and parents all descending on the Early Learning Centre at once, attendance times have been staggered. Children will not necessarily attend with all of the children who will be in the same group as them next year and parents or carers are expected to stay with them.

The arrangements are:

9.00 – 10.00 am	Children with surnames beginning with letters A to I
10.15 – 11.15 am	Children with surnames beginning with letters J to P
11.30 am – 12.30 pm	Children with surnames beginning with letters R to Z

The children will have the opportunity to familiarise themselves with the Early Learning Centre environment, including the classrooms and the wonderful outdoor area. The current kindergarten staff, Mrs Barrow and Mrs Claybrook, will arrange activities for them to participate in, both individually and/or in small groups.

If you have questions or concerns relating to your own child, please refrain from occupying staff time on this occasion and arrange to meet with the teacher or the principal at a later date. This will facilitate more comprehensive and confidential discussions.

Another opportunity for children and parents to get to know each other has been arranged by our wonderful Parents and Citizens Association. A play date at The Pines (play area adjacent to Darlington Oval) has been organised for 4.00 pm on Saturday 20th January 2018. It is suggested that you bring a plate of food to share for afternoon tea.

We look forward to meeting your little people in the near future and to working with them and you as they embark on this exciting, first stage of their journey at Darlington Primary School.

Yours sincerely



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Principal

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