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Morphett Vale East Kindergarten



TRANSITION POLICY

- Our main feeder school is Morphett Vale East Primary School. We also have some children who transition to many of our other local schools. Parents of children attending another Primary School need to inquire about their Transition program. The kindergarten staff need to know where each child will attend school and then we can contact the school to discuss the child's needs and progress.
- We have formed strong and positive links with Morphett Vale East Primary School and their staff. Together we have planned for each child to have a happy and positive experience during their Transition visits. These visits will occur in the child's last term at Kindergarten, and help the child to familiarise themselves with school staff, peers, routines and settings.
- The kindergarten and school staff are dedicated to a smooth holistic transition process which will occur during their year at kindergarten (not just the three school visits). This involves using the school facilities including the school library, oval and gym and also sharing of information between kindy and school staff.
- There will be visits in weeks 7, 8 and 9 during term 4. These visits will occur on a Wednesday morning. The transition visit IS INSTEAD OF one of your child's kindy sessions and therefore they need to be enrolled in the Wednesday am session with the kindy.
- The visits will increase in length as the visits progress.
- Parents are to take their children directly to the school administration area (not the kindy) at 9am (NOT EARLIER) and return to the classroom at the end of the visit to collect their child.
- We ask that children do not wear a school uniform as it assists the school teachers identify the transitioning children.
- It is HIGHLY recommended that children attending their school visits use this as their half day of kindergarten and therefore, not return to kindy after their visit. In circumstances where this is unavoidable parents need to discuss with kindy staff to organise alternative arrangements for collection of their child.
- The children's new teacher will visit the kindergarten prior to the school visits to meet the children in a familiar setting. The school teacher will meet with the kindy staff to share information regarding the transition children during the term before starting school. Staff from the kindergarten will attempt to visit the children during one of their visits, however, this may not always be possible.
- New parents will be invited to attend the first visit, and will have a tour of the school and meet with a member of the leadership team.
This will be for approximately one hour.
There may also be short meetings relating to the school curriculum. School will provide information regarding this.

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