

Starting at Buxton Infant School – Getting it right from the start!

Starting school is a major milestone for you and your child, marking the start of a new phase of life for you both. Here you'll find information on how we try to make that change as smooth and as enjoyable as possible.

Come and visit.

Take time to come and visit. The best way to get a feel for a school is to come and have a look around. We would recommend that you and your child come and visit the school together. Ring the school and make an appointment.

Due to our close relationship with the nurseries in Buxton they will often contact us before Easter if there are children who are coming to our school with additional needs. We can then attend any meetings to ensure that we have a clear understanding of the child's needs and can make sure that any additional transition needs are met. We will contact all the nurseries in the summer term to make sure that we know about any other children who might need additional help.

New Starter Parents Evening

During the summer term before the children come to visit we offer an evening meeting for parents to come and meet the staff. It's also an opportunity to ask questions and to learn a little about the school day and the learning opportunities your child will have.

Short initial visit

The day after the parents meeting the children come for a short visit from 9:30 – 10:30

Long visit

Children visit for the whole morning and encouraged to stay for a school dinner with their parents. This gives the children a chance to experience lunch time. This can be something that can concern some parents and children.

Optional visits

Children are offered four additional afternoon visits to sample other aspects of the day such as an assembly and PE

Further visits

Further visits are available for any children who would benefit from other opportunities to experience more of school

The staff visit the nurseries

After the children have visited us at school a member of the reception team will visit them at nursery, child minder (or at home if parents prefer) The children are given a little book to share with their parents about starting at our school. It also gives the Key workers at nursery a chance to share their knowledge of your child.