

EYFS FAQs

Dear Parents/ Carers,

As we are unable to welcome you and your child(ren) into our school as we usually would, enabling you to find out all the answers to your questions or concerns, we thought it may be helpful to create a list of frequently asked questions.

If you cannot find the answers to your questions below, or in the other supporting documents on the 2021-22 Early Years Welcome webpage, please email our school office and we will arrange further contact.

Kind regards

Miss V Horne



Question	Answer
Teacher	Miss Horne
Why choose St Day and Carharrack Community School?	We are a very experienced staff and we pride ourselves in constantly striving to develop our pedagogy and learn new skills required to enable the children we have in our care to love learning. We aim for all our children to be happy and thrive in our care and we want to set the children up for the future, by teaching them to be resilient, confident and eager learners, ready to take on any challenges they face.
What are your core beliefs in the EYFS?	Our core beliefs are all children are unique and we strive to support every child equally so they reach their potential. We place a high priority on the development of children's well-being as, we know from research, that positive well-being and involvement equates to deep-rooted learning. At St Day and Carharrack, we have an embedded child-centred approach to learning. The curriculum we deliver provides prolonged periods of child-led play with a high emphasis on outdoor learning. Alongside a play-based approach, we teach children the skills they will need to be confident and enthusiastic speakers, readers, writers and mathematicians. Staff are experienced in supporting all children during play and adult-led sessions.
What happens for transition? When will they start full time?	EYFS Welcome Visits We would like to invite the children to visit our EYFS classroom this Summer term. There will be two visits: Friday 25th June 1.30-2.00pm Friday 2nd July 1.30-2.00pm These visits give the children the opportunity to visit the EYFS learning environment and meet Miss Horne and teaching support staff. Given the current circumstances, we ask that parents wait for the children on the field or go for a walk. These visits are arranged when the school is closed to the rest of the children. Starting School Sessions Our EYFS children are invited to start attending School from 8 th September. Sessions will be arranged for children to attend morning or afternoon sessions for the first two weeks of school. This small group transition will enable your child to

	<p>fully settle into our school. We found this 2 week transition to be very successful and supportive last year. Please wait for further information from the school office to inform you if your child is in the morning or afternoon session. Careful management of each group is required so that numbers attending each session can be carefully managed in line with our current Risk Assessment.</p> <p>Full Time Provision</p> <p>Our EYFS children will have their first full day in School (including lunch) on Monday 20th September 2021.</p> <p>School Hours</p> <p>Monday – Thursday (8.45am gates open) 8.55am - 3.00pm</p> <p>Friday – same start time with an early finish at 1.00pm</p>
My child has special educational needs, how will you support them?	<p>We work closely with other agencies to meet every child's special and unique requirements. Educational Psychologists, Paediatricians, Speech and Language Therapists and other professionals work closely with the staff to provide the best outcomes for every child. Your child may require a Provision Map and you, as parent or carer, will be involved in every decision made about your child.</p>
What happens with lunches-my child can be quite a fussy eater?	<p>The children in school have a varied and balanced lunch choice in our dining hall. We ask that you order your child's lunch beforehand so that they know what they are eating. If there are any dietary requirements please let us know. Your child is allowed to bring in a lunch box from home if you do not wish them to have a school meal. The weekly menu is on our website so you can see which meals are on offer that day. Parent pay is our on-line booking system. A login will be sent to you on the first day of school so that you can then book all lunch choices online.</p>
How will I know how they are doing and if they are settling in?	<p>Parent consultation meetings will be arranged in the first term of your child's schooling. If you have any concerns please always let an adult know so that an appointment can be made to further discuss any worries. Staff can also be contacted by phone or email.</p>