

## Organisation

### **Transition to Primary School Policy - The Island - Little Herons Childcare**

#### **Policy Statement**

We believe that all children and their parents need to feel happy, comfortable, reassured and confident to face the challenges of starting Reception Class. We endeavour to ensure a smooth transition between ourselves and Reception class by implementing a range of strategies and activities.

Where possible, the Reception class teachers and teaching assistants will visit us to introduce themselves to the children, and spend some time playing with them; and talking to the pre-school staff to find out as much about the children as they can before they enter school.

While Wootton Community Primary School is our main feeder school, we realise that some children will attend other schools. Where visiting the setting is not possible, contact is made between ourselves and the Reception teacher to ensure that relevant information concerning your child is passed on.

#### *Procedures for transition between Little Herons and Wootton Community Primary School*

- Reception class staff are invited into Little Herons from the second half of the Autumn term.
- Little Herons staff take children to participate in various activities throughout the academic year. These include assemblies, 'Wake up, Shake up' performances and concerts.
- During the summer term children are taken, in small friendship groups, for 'stay and play' sessions in school. This will include the opportunity to stay for lunch in the school hall.
- Meetings between your child's key person and Reception class staff are held during July to hand over all Early Years Foundation Stage Profiles, together with any other relevant information.

NB: Acceptance of a placement at The Island - Little Herons Childcare does not guarantee a place at Wootton Community Primary School. For further information on Isle of Wight Council Admissions policy please contact the Isle of Wight Council's Education Department.

#### **Persons responsible for implementing this policy:**

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