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We write our story

Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> June 2024

Dear family

**RE: [Steps to Starting Chapter One – Reception Pupils](#)**

### Home Visits – Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> July

We are so excited to come and meet you properly in your home environment and have provisionally booked an appointment as per our email on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> July with Anna Jones and Lucy Hemery, our Early Years teaching team. *Please let us know as soon as possible if you are not available at this time. While we will endeavour to make a new appointment, we cannot guarantee that will be possible.*

Remember, we are coming to meet you, and most importantly your child. We are not there to make judgements, so please don't spend ages tidying! One teacher will play with your child and talk to them about their favourite things (which is why it is helpful to have completed the [Starting Primary Questionnaire](#) first) and one teacher will talk to you about your questions, your child's preferences, any medical needs, and to ensure we have all the information we require to ensure your child's start to school is happy and confident.

### New Families Event – Exeter Racecourse – Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> July 4.45pm-6pm

**\*\*Exeter Racecourse, Kennford, Exeter EX6 7XS\*\***

[Directions and parking: Transport options](#)

We hope you can join us (alongside our new Year 7 families) at the Racecourse from 4.45pm for a 5pm start. This will be a wonderful opportunity to learn more about our story so far and start to build positive relationships with our MBA community of staff, pupils and families. We will share information about the school day, curriculum including Early Reading and how we work together. Our **catering** and **uniform** suppliers will also be in attendance to showcase their services! This event is aimed at the adults of our youngest learners and although we will have a small amount of toys available should your children need to attend with you, the purpose of the event is to support you co-authoring your child's first school steps with us.

Please [complete this form](#) to sign up to (or decline) the **New Families Event**.

## Teddy Bears' Picnic 3:30-4:30pm

**\*\*Orange Elephant, Lower Brenton Road, Kennford, Exeter EX6 7YL**

[Directions](#)

As planned, our Teddy Bears' Picnic will take place on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> July at The Orange Elephant Ice Cream parlour in Kennford, Exeter. Your child will have met and named their bear at their home visit; now is the time for them to meet their team!

Children, families and bears will share a story time with member of our staff team and wider staff from our Trust family of schools. There will be an ice cream treat for pupils, plenty of chances to play together and for families to get to know others setting out on the same journey.

## My Child At School (MCAS app)

By the end of this week, all families should have received the link to sign up to the MCAS app. If not, please contact [Helen Surgeon](#), Business Operations Officer, to troubleshoot.

## Uniform

Uniform information is [on our website here](#), including how to order.

## My Story so Far...

We encourage you to help your child complete the form linked below which tells us more about them as they prepare to join us at Matford Brook Academy: [My Story so Far](#)

We are very excited to welcome you to our New Families Event and to support you and your child as they write their story with us.

Yours sincerely,



Hannah Rose  
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