



# Ferndale Primary School and Nursery

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2025

Tomorrow is a very special day – your child’s first day in FS2 at Ferndale. We know this milestone can bring a mix of emotions: excitement, pride, and sometimes a few nerves – for both children *and* parents! Please be assured that our team is ready to give your child a caring, safe and happy start to their journey with us. We will welcome them warmly, help them settle, and make sure they feel secure as they begin making new friends and exploring new learning experiences. If your child does enter with anxieties we will ring you once they are settled so you don’t have to worry.

## Helping the morning go smoothly

- Try to keep the morning calm and relaxed – allow plenty of time so no one feels rushed.
- A good breakfast really helps little ones start the day with energy.
- Encourage your child to carry their own bag or water bottle – this builds confidence and independence.
- Say goodbye with a smile and reassurance, even if it feels hard – children quickly settle once the day begins.
- When you get to school, you will say goodbye to your child at the corridor door, explain this to your child so they know what to expect once they arrive at school.

## The night before – preparing together

You might like to:

- Chat about the fun things they might do tomorrow – playing, painting, building, or making new friends.
- Remind them that their teachers will look after them and help if they need anything.
- Get their clothes and things ready together – this helps them feel prepared and involved.
- Keep bedtime calm and positive so they wake up refreshed and ready.

If you have any questions, we would be very happy to help. Please ring the school office on 01793 332425.

We are so looking forward to welcoming your child into our Ferndale family. Thank you for trusting us with this very

Kind regards

Miss Liz Horrobin

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