

## FAIRLANDS PRIMARY SCHOOL & NURSERY

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Dear Parent / Carer

I am very pleased to inform you of some changes that we will be making to our Reception admission arrangements from September.

The Governors have decided that we will now be admitting all children into our Reception in September, rather than having two separate intakes in September and January. Many primary schools are now adopting this arrangement as it gives children greater opportunity to form relationships with their cohort peers and they will continue working towards the Early Learning Goals.

As you know, we have faced recruitment difficulties in Reception for the last few years, where we have been unable to recruit a full-time teacher to take Reception for two terms from January. The new arrangements will mean that we are able to staff the two Reception classes with two full-time teachers from September, on permanent contracts. This is clearly a much more desirable situation than we have been faced with in the past.

Therefore, although your child has already been offered a place to start Reception in January 2010, they will now start full-time school in September 2009.

I will write to you again after half-term, inviting you to a meeting where you will meet our Reception team and find out information about starting full time school in September.

Yours sincerely

Robert Staples HEADTEACHER