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## Welcome to Foundation!

A very warm welcome to all our new children and families, we look forward to getting to know you all over the coming weeks.

Our staff team:

Class 1 – Friendly Foxes	Class 2 – Curious Caterpillars
<b>Teacher:</b> Mrs Burton <b>Teaching Assistants:</b> Mrs Bucknall (Mon – Thursday) Miss Maule (Friday)	<b>Teacher:</b> Mrs Hardy <b>Teaching Assistants:</b> Mrs Offord
Classroom assistants Mrs Mohammed and Mrs Kaplan will be working across both classes in the unit.	

Our classrooms open at 8.45am and the school day finishes at 3.30pm. To ensure the safety of all our children we kindly ask that parents wait in a queuing system outside classroom doors, we will send children out to you in turn with their belongings. In these first few weeks our collection times may take longer than usual as we get to know our new families, we apologise for any inconvenience this may cause.

If you have any questions or queries, please speak to us at the beginning or end of the day or alternatively contact us via the school office.

We have a brilliant outdoor area that we use in all weather. We kindly ask that children to do not play with any of the equipment or activities set-up there before the school day begins. It's useful for children to have a pair of wellies to keep in school to wear when playing at OPAL during lunch times. Please can these be labelled with their name. Children will also need a coat every day, particularly as the weather turns cooler.

Our PE day will be Wednesday each week– please can children come to school wearing PE kit on this day. They do not need to bring any uniform to change into. Our PE sessions are run by the talented staff of Next Level Sports who have lots of exciting games and activities planned for the upcoming term.

Thank you for equipping your children with everything they need to start their time here at Woodthorpe. This term will be using plastic wallets for the children's reading books and diaries that staff will distribute at the end of the day. Therefore, children do not need to bring a book bag with them for this term. Throughout the year, as the children become increasingly independent, this will be





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reviewed. Further details about reading and sharing books will be given during our curriculum evening on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> September.

We are very grateful to those parents who have labelled their child's belongings with their name; this helps us to ensure that children take home the correct items. We would also strongly suggest that you label your child's school shoes to ensure there are no mix-ups when changing into wellies outside.

We always welcome any parents or grandparents who would like to volunteer with us; if you can spare a few hours to do some garden jobs or hear some readers then please speak to your child's class teacher.

Finally, we would like to thank you for all your support during these first few weeks of transition. We have been so impressed with the children's bravery, resilience and positive attitudes and are very much looking forward to the year ahead.

Kind regards,  
The Woodthorpe Foundation Team

