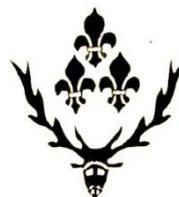


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'Valuing Everyone As Learners'

Dear Parents/Carers,

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Welcome!

We are delighted that you have chosen Giffards Primary School for your child and we look forward to welcoming you and your family to our school community.

As you may be aware, due to the coronavirus pandemic, our school is currently only open to key worker pupils, Year 1 and Year 6. We would normally have run our very successful Toy Library to help induct our new pupils into school however due to the social distancing rules this is not possible. We would however like to offer parents the opportunity to bring your child into school for a 'meet and greet' session with one of our EYFS staff, so our new children can see the classroom environment and we can discuss your child's needs, address any concerns you may have and share with you how a typical day runs in EYFS.

These 'meet and greets' will follow all social distancing guidelines. We will only have 1 parent and child in at a time (we request you leave any siblings at home if at all possible), each classroom will be thoroughly cleaned between visits. We will remain 2m apart at all times and any toys/resources used will be cleaned between use. We understand that some parents would rather not meet in person at this time and in these cases we will be happy to discuss your child's needs via a phone call.

Teachers are currently calling parents to arrange these meetings. It is important you stick to the times arranged to avoid any overlap of parents and allow time for cleaning between meetings. When you arrive please come to the main gate and use the buzzer to alert the office staff. You will be greeted and taken to an EYFS classroom. Please bring with you your child's birth certificate. We will have ready for you a pack of paperwork which we would like you to complete as soon as possible and return either by post or by dropping it in to the school. During the meeting we will take a copy of the birth certificate which will be left outside the classroom to be collected when you leave. The admin staff will explain in detail what needs to be completed.

This year we will have two Reception classes. The teachers will be Mrs J Vickers and Mrs J Lawrence, children have not been allocated classes yet, we will do this later on this term once we have had met all pupils and had a chance to discuss pupil needs with parents.

In the New Parents section of our website you will find a welcome pack that we have produced to give you an overview of how our EYFS is organised, there is also a leaflet on preparing your child for school and links to websites to help your child. Over the next few weeks the teachers will be in touch and provide photos and videos for the children to look at and watch to help them familiarise themselves with school. Our school website www.giffardsprimary@thurrock.sch.uk and Twitter page @GiffardsPrimary have more information.

We are looking forward to meeting you all and your child joining us at Giffards

Yours sincerely

Mrs N Haslam-Davis

Headteacher

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