



Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> June 2020

## **Welcome Letter for New Reception Families**

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are delighted that you have chosen Earlham Primary School for your child in September 2020 and look forward to welcoming you to our school.

Your child will be joining us at an exciting time in the school's history: September 2020 will see the opening of our brand new school building and your child will be one of the first Reception year group children to benefit from learning in our visually appealing and inspiring learning environment.

Ordinarily, we would shortly be inviting you to come and look around our lovely school and to attend various events and meetings to welcome your child to the school. Regrettably, this is not currently possible due to the current situation arising from the Covid-19 pandemic.

We instead find ourselves in an unprecedented set of circumstances and anticipate the possible anxiety your family may currently feel about your child's transition into Reception. Please be assured that an induction process will take place and we will provide you with further information as soon as the school is in a position to confirm how and when this will take place.

As you may appreciate, schools are working within a constantly changing environment, with different versions of guidance coming from the Department for Education on a daily basis. We therefore ask for your patience whilst we put together plans which are practical, flexible and above-all mutually beneficial in supporting the best possible start to your child's school life.

We are committed to working through this challenging time together and wish to reassure you that the most important thing at the moment is that you and your child are well and happy.

We will be talking to you directly to find out about your child's preference; things they particularly enjoy, find difficult etc. These conversations usually take place within the context of a home visit in early September, however if this is not possible, due to the current situation, we will find alternative ways to ensure that we receive all of the information that you would like to share with us about your child.

Our aim is to work in partnership with you to ensure that your child's start to school is both as exiting and positive as we can collectively make it.

We will be writing to you again next week to update you further. In the meantime, please do not hesitate to email our school office on [admin@earlham.haringey.sch.uk](mailto:admin@earlham.haringey.sch.uk) if you have any urgent questions.

We look forward to welcoming you and your child into school once it is safe to do so.

Yours sincerely,

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