



Shaw C of E Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers

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We are delighted to have been informed by the Local Authority that your child has been offered a place at our school from September 2020! We will very much look forward to welcoming you all as soon as possible. Normally, at this stage, we would be inviting you to an information meeting to meet you all, provide you with information you will need about your child's first year at school and discuss induction plans. However, this year we are unable to do this because of the Coronavirus pandemic.

Our induction process also normally includes visits to see your child at their current preschool or nursery setting and play sessions for your children to come and spend time in school. At present, it looks highly likely that we will not be able to carry out these activities this year either. We will, however, be liaising by phone with the Nurseries.

I understand that this situation may well be concerning for you, as starting school is such a significant milestone in your child's life. However, please do not worry. Every single other child due to start school is in the same situation across the country. Over the coming weeks we will be planning alternative induction activities for you and your child to engage in. It is most likely that these will need to be carried out remotely and we will do our best to put your mind at ease and to help your child to feel excited about the prospect of starting at Shaw School in September.

Your child's new teacher will be Mrs Linda White who is currently covering Mrs Emma Cheeseman's maternity leave. Mrs Cheeseman is due to return in February to lead the Early Years class.

We are hoping that induction process will include:

- A virtual online space where we are able to introduce Mrs White and Mrs Vines and Mrs Lanegan the teaching assistants and also present information as we would do at the usual parents meeting.
- Activities to complete with your child and send back to us.
- A Welcome Pack with key information about the Early Years Foundation Stage at Shaw School.
- School enrollment documents for you to complete and send back to us.
- A phone call with parents to share information about your child and talk about key information and questions from the Welcome Pack. (For parents familiar to the school this will be like our sharing information appointment.)
- A phone call with your child from Mrs White their new teacher.

We do not know if all this will be possible yet. However, we will do our best to ensure that your child's transition to school is smooth and happy. As soon as we have more details about the above activities, Mrs White will write to you again.

In the meantime, rest assured that your child has a place at our amazing school. Stay safe. We really look forward to meeting you and your child very soon.

Yours sincerely

Simon White
HEADTEACHER