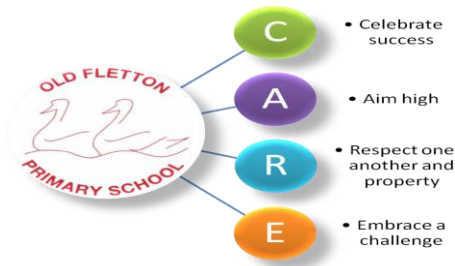


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Dear Parents / Carers

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome you to Old Fletton Primary School and to thank you for choosing our school for your child. We have now received the allocation lists for September 2021 and would like to outline the transition process at Old Fletton Primary School.

We will be holding parent information meetings on Wednesday 30th June and Thursday 1st July at 4.00pm and 6pm. Due to the latest Government announcements we are unable to hold these meetings in the Reception classrooms, as previously planned, and instead will hold the meetings in the Reception outdoor area, weather permitting. We have increased the number of available meetings this year in order to allow for social distancing and we will require you to book to attend one of the meetings so that we can manage numbers. To assist with this we require that only one adult attends per child and children should not attend, however, please let us know if you can only attend if your child can accompany you. As an additional precaution, where possible, it would be appreciated if the person attending could take a Covid lateral flow test during the day that they will be attending. Should the weather prevent any of the meetings from taking place we will send out a link inviting you to attend a Zoom meeting. A provisional date of Monday 5th July has been reserved should this need to happen.

The purpose of the meeting is to introduce you to our Early Years Team and to talk you through school life here at Old Fletton Primary School. It is really helpful if you are able to arrange childcare so that you can attend without your child as we will be sharing lots of information. We will be covering several aspects during our presentation including:

- The curriculum
- Assessment
- School uniform
- The school day
- Behaviour policy
- School ethos
- Transition period
- Things to do that will help to prepare your child for school

I hope that by having more information about these things you will feel more informed and confident about the process of your child starting school. We will also be happy to answer any questions that you may have. I appreciate it can be a highly emotional and significant time for both yourself and your child, so at Old Fletton we try to do as much as we can to ease this process. There will also be the opportunity for you to meet the Reception class teachers, to ask questions and share information about your child. We will provide you with a booklet of information to help with things like timings of the school day, where to buy uniform, what to do if your child is poorly or needs medicine in school etc.

In addition to these meetings, your child will be invited to a 1 hour stay and play session during the week beginning 12th July. You and your child will be able to spend some time in the reception classrooms, familiarising yourselves with the activities on offer and learning some of the practicalities, such as where the toilets are. This will provide another time when you will be able to chat to the reception team about any questions or concerns you may have and to share any information you think would be important for us to know about your child. The date and time of the stay and play session will be allocated to you as we must keep the mixing of different parents to a minimum. In line with our current risk assessment, we will require parents to wear a mask during this visit.

The next step will involve your child attending two move up sessions, where your child will be able to attend school without you. These will take place between 9.15am and 11.30am on your allocated days. This will be an opportunity for your child to 'try out' what school is really like and to spend time with some of their new classmates. These sessions will take place from Friday 16th July to Wednesday 21st July and again they will be allocated to you based on which parents you have mixed with at the first meeting.

Further details about the stay and play and the move up sessions will be provided once the initial meetings have been booked.

Later in July / early August, your child will receive a personalised letter from their new teacher outlining exactly what they will be doing on their first day at school; a personal touch to try and alleviate any last minute worries. This is when you will be informed about which of the Reception teachers your child will be with in September. The reason classes are not set before this is so that we can get to know your child before making a decision about what is best for them.

Members of the Early Years Team are very excited about September and look forward to meeting you at one of our information meetings on Wednesday 30th June or Thursday 1st July.

To book your place at one of the parent information evenings please call the office on (01733) 554457 or email office@oldfletton.peterborough.sch.uk

Yours sincerely

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