

16th April 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am writing to welcome you to Thongsley Fields. We are really looking forward to meeting everyone who is due to join us for the first time in September 2021, as well as those that are already an important part of our school family.

The ongoing COVID related restrictions mean that things are still somewhat different and uncertain at the moment. However, we are hoping that in the next couple of months we might be able to hold our special Information Evening, in June, for parents and carers of pupils who will be joining our Reception team. This is a great opportunity to meet the class teachers and teaching assistants as well as other members of the school staff including representatives from the leadership team, governors and some existing parents. If we are not able to go ahead with a face-to-face evening, our staff will pre-record a number of short video presentations instead which we will make available on our website for you to watch and re-watch at your leisure. We will try to confirm these arrangements as soon as possible.

Presentations, whether face-to-face or virtual, will cover a number of different topics including the classroom setup, our curriculum, day-to-day routines and what your child will need. There will also be useful information about how to get help, how your child's needs will be supported and how we work to keep all of our children safe.

We will share our plans to meet and begin to get to know your child in school, in their pre-school setting and in their own home. We also have a number of important dates to share with you so that you hopefully have lots of time to organise around other commitments and help ensure both you and your child feel ready and prepared.

We very much look forward to beginning and for those that already have children in our school, strengthening our important partnership. **To help us ensure all contact details are correct, please confirm acceptance of your child's place with us as soon as possible. If, for any reason, you no longer require a place for your child then please also let us know so that places can be released for other families.** In the meantime, should you have any questions then please do not hesitate to contact the school office.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D Jones'.

David Jones
Headteacher