



St Clement & St James CE Primary School

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Dear Parent/Carer,

We are delighted that you and your child are joining us at St Clement & St James' CE Primary School. We would like to extend a warm welcome to you and your family. During these difficult and uncertain times, we want you to feel part of our loving school community and we want you to know that we are here for you. Your child starting school is one of the most exciting and special milestones you will encounter as a family. Whilst we may not be able to offer the usual settling in days during the summer term and meet you face to face, we want you to feel you have all the information you require and to make sure you feel supported over the next few months.

At St Clement & St James', we believe that a high quality education within a Christian environment is the best start a child can have in their school life. We understand that children need a secure value system as they grow up and we work hard to create meaningful partnerships with parents and the Church in order to build a strong sense of community.

Ours is a happy, friendly school where all are made to feel welcome and we will do everything we can to ensure that your child finds life with us enjoyable, stimulating and productive. We encourage children to be kind and considerate to one another, to always do their best and achieve the highest standards in their learning. We expect everyone in our community to treat other people the way they would like to be treated themselves: with kindness and respect. Visitors regularly comment on the genuine warmth and nurturing approach at St Clement & James'. We are confident in our approaches to teaching and learning and strive to do our very best for all our children.

We frequently remind children of our Christian values:

- Compassion
- Forgiveness
- Friendship
- Thankfulness

In order to make the most of the opportunities available, we believe that it is important for you to become as involved in the school as possible. We wholeheartedly believe that your child's education is a partnership between home and school, and that it is important for parents to take an active interest in all aspects of school life. Not every parent can come in to help, but every parent can encourage their child and work with them and us to develop their learning. Staff value all the support that we receive from parents and carers.

Soon you will receive a digital admissions form. Please ensure that you complete this as fully as possible to ensure a smooth transition. The accuracy of this information is crucial in order for us to meet your child's needs and to build our partnership with you.

We really hope you will be able to join us for a Zoom meeting soon where we can introduce ourselves face to face, reassure you and inform you of any relevant information before your child starts school. This is such an exciting time and we can't wait to meet you in person.

In the meantime, please explore the website to find any important information that you wish to learn about us. We invite you to click on the page link 'Welcome to our new families' where you will find useful information about the transition and can enjoy watching a video tour of our Early Years Owlet's Centre.

We look forward to working in partnership with you in the months and years to come. We are very accessible should you wish to contact us with any questions or concerns.

With very best wishes,

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