



BURWELL VILLAGE COLLEGE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Burwell Village College Primary School! We are really looking forward to getting to know you and your child over the next few years and we hope that we can build a very strong relationship with you so that your child gets the best experience and opportunities that we can provide.

Education is one of the most fundamental things that we can offer children and a good start to school is absolutely crucial in ensuring that we allow children to thrive as they move through the school. We want children to grow up in a safe and secure environment, understanding how they learn, how to take safe calculated and measured risks, how to socialise and interact with each other and with adults and all the time to be happy and excited about learning.

The Early years and foundation stage curriculum is designed to allow pupils to interact with direct instruction and play based learning. There is a balance between fundamental knowledge, such as phonics, reading and basic number and essential skills of pencil control, discussion, sharing and co-operation. It is this balance that sets children up for a productive and successful journey through the rest of the school.

In order to achieve this we have a fantastic learning environment which provides opportunities for indoor and outdoor play, large group and whole class work as well as individual or paired work and play. Children can experience the whole range of learning and teaching strategies throughout the day and we can begin to understand their strengths and their areas for development quickly, giving them opportunities to develop new skills as and when appropriate. We also want children to integrate into the larger school environment and we therefore provide opportunities for them to participate in whole school assemblies, school productions, sports days and much more.

It is important to us that you and your child are happy and comfortable with the education and opportunities we provide and therefore communication between us is absolutely crucial. Teachers and staff are here to support your child to ensure they get the best start possible and will talk to you regularly and communicate learning using online tools and face-to-face contact. Please come and discuss any concerns or celebrations with us. Your first contact is likely to be your child's class teacher but all members of staff share the same expectation and will be more than willing to help if they are able.

Due to current COVID -19 restrictions we will be unable to run a parents evening event for you to attend this year. With this in mind we have included the following in this pack;

- Admission form to complete and return
- Medical Dietary Requirements form to complete and return should your child have specific dietary requirements
- Mapac Uniform ordering information
- Application to apply for income funded Free School Meals
- School Milk ordering instructions



Burwell Village College Primary School is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expect all staff and volunteers to share this commitment.

- All About Me booklet for your child to complete and return to us
- Cambugs and Early Maths Skills information to access for your child to use
- Academic Term Dates 2021/2022

We will also be sending information after half term regarding a pre-school visit session for children to attend school in their classroom on Tuesday 13th July 2021 for the morning. Children will then stay for lunch. There will be an opportunity for you to join them for the lunch time session should you wish. Further details on this will follow.

We would be grateful if the forms to be completed and returned are back to school by no later than Friday 11th June 2021.

Reception children will start in school on Wednesday 1st September 2021 full time.

We look forward to meeting you at your 'transition meeting' and working with you and your child over the next few exciting years.

Regards,



Antony Kern
Headteacher