



NEWHALL

PRIMARY ACADEMY AND NURSERY

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Dear Parents/Carers,

I cannot believe that we are now at the start of the Summer Holidays and that it is only a few weeks until we open our doors to our first Nursery and Reception children. Thank you to all of the parents and children who attended our Nursery Open Morning last Saturday. We are already starting to fill up, particularly our funded places, so please send back your registration form in order to secure a place. It was also great to see so many children and parents at our two transition sessions at Wild 'n' Wacky and Gibberd Gardens.

We have also enjoyed visiting all of the pre-schools that our new Reception children are currently attending and have spoken to each child's key worker about their current achievements and next steps.

General Update

I have attended various meetings relating to the build of the Academy. We have now finalised the designs for signage and booked in photographers for the end of September, so that we can have pictures of Newhall children in our 2018-2019 prospectus. There have been further visits to site to check on the progress that is being made. We have also booked in for all of our Fire Extinguishers and signs to be installed prior to opening.

We have worked closely with the furniture suppliers on the design of the interior of the school and have now ordered the furniture ready for delivery at the end of August. We are particularly excited about the design of the library and we have ordered lots of

fiction and non-fiction books, along with an electronic library system so that we can keep track of all of the books the children take home.

We visited Ikea last week to buy equipment for the teaching kitchen and staff room, along with some classroom resources and storage boxes. All our other resources and equipment has been ordered from various suppliers for delivery towards the end of August.

Nursery

We are now taking registrations for our Nursery, which will open for children age 2 and upwards from September 17th 2018. We are currently awaiting our Ofsted registration visit so that we can open our Baby Room for 6 months to 2 years in January 2019. We have ordered all of our resources and furniture for the Nursery and also bought our Nursery office furniture from Ikea. Our Site Manager, Mr Sykes, is looking forward to building this once we are in the building!

Governance

We have now had two Transition Governing Board meetings. A lot of time is spent during these meetings providing Governors with updates around budget, premises, staffing and curriculum. We also looked at an updated Safeguarding Policy this time.

Staffing

I am pleased to announce that we are now fully staffed for September. Please see below for a full staff list:

Base	Role	Name
Academy	Headteacher	Debbie Gayler
Academy	School Business Manager	Donna Murphy
Academy	Early Years Leader	Jenny O'Neill
Academy	SENCo / Teacher	Charlotte Smart
Academy	EY Learning Support Assistant	Mary Mepsted
Academy	EY Learning Support Assistant	Catherine Matthews
Academy	Site Manager	Callum Sykes
Academy	Extended Schools Lead	Jack Morris
Academy	Extended Schools Assistant	Samantha Gibbs
Nursery	Nursery Manager	Maria Sorce
Nursery	Deputy Manager/EY Educator	Rosina Maddams
Nursery	Senior EY Practitioner	Samantha Galvin
Nursery	EY Practitioner	Irene Kellatte
Nursery	EY Practitioner	Jasmine McLaughlin
Nursery	EY Learning Support Assistant	Tracy Humphreys

Our catering company are currently finalising the staffing for our catering kitchen.

Curriculum

An outline of the curriculum for the Academy and Nursery has now been written and is available on the school website. Our phonics programme, Read Write Inc, has been purchased and we are currently stamping all of the books. Our Maths, PSHE and PE programmes have also arrived, ready for use in September.

Finally, I would like to thank you for choosing to send your child to Newhall Primary Academy and Nursery. I hope that you all have a fabulous Summer and I am looking forward to working with you all in the years to come.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'D Gayler', with a horizontal line underneath.

Mrs Debbie Gayler