



John of Gaunt Infant & Nursery School

Part of the Aylsham Learning Federation

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Dear Parents/Carers

Here at John of Gaunt we are starting to make plans for the Autumn Term and are delighted to be welcoming you to the John of Gaunt community. We are very much looking forward to our new Reception children joining us in September.

For some of you things will be very familiar as your child already attends John Bear's Nursery and for others this will be a whole new experience. For some we may already have siblings or have had siblings in the past. No matter what, you are all welcome and I hope that you soon feel very much part of our happy school.

As we are sure you will appreciate, our usual welcome and "getting-to-know-you" sessions will not happen this year as they have in previous years. However, we still intend to do as much as we can to help our new Reception children make the transition to John of Gaunt as comfortably as possible. Very soon, we hope to be in a position to outline our transition plans for your children, but in the meantime, please do start to use our website and social media platforms to find out who we are, what we're up to and to keep abreast of our latest news:

Website: www.johngaunt.norfolk.sch.uk

Facebook: [John of Gaunt Infant and Nursery School – Information for parents](#)

Have a look at the gallery on the website, as it will enable your child to see all the different things that go on at school and they will begin to recognise parts of the building.

At the moment, we have no guidance on what September will look like in relation to how schools will be operating. However, in due course we will write to let you know which class your child will be in, who their teacher will be and also the arrangements for the first few days in September. The arrangements for the first few days will be of how we would normally do things and we hope that we are able to operate as normally as possible, but everything will be subject to change.

I want to reassure you that we can be very flexible on starting in Reception. For some children, coming full time straight away is the right thing, but for others they need a more gentle start! For everyone, we offer a staggered start and not full time, just for the first week or so, to enable all children to settle in and become familiar with their new setting and also their teachers and support staff. We know from lots of experience that taking things steadily means happy contented children in the long run.

Executive Headteacher: Mr D Spalding B.A. (Hons) M.Ed. (Cantab)

Head of School: Mrs C Toplis B.A. Ed (Hons)

Senior Leadership: Mrs R Farmer B.A. (Hons), Miss M Bullock B.A. (Hons)

Director of Business and Community Strategy: Mrs J Tuttle Finance Director: Mrs T Colman



Accompanying this letter is an Information Booklet for you to have a look at and also an Admission Booklet. We would be very grateful if you could complete the Admission Booklet and either email it back to the office: office@johngaunt.norfolk.sch.uk or complete a paper copy if you prefer and send back to us. If you are unable to complete the booklet electronically and you are unable to print the booklet, we can make a paper copy available for you. This would need to be collected from the school in a non-contact collection. Please contact the school office, preferably via email, to arrange this.

If you have previously attended John Bear's Nursery this Admission Booklet will look very similar. However, we do require you to complete this again as it is a legal requirement on starting school. Please could you ensure that the Admission Booklet is completed and returned by **Friday 12th June**.

We hope that you and your child will be very happy at John of Gaunt.

Yours Sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "CE Toplis". The letters are cursive and slightly slanted to the right.

Clare Toplis