



Great Gaddesden C of E (VA) Primary School

'Treat others exactly as you would like to be treated' (Luke 6:31)

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Dear Parents/Carers,

RE: Reception September 2025

Firstly, I would like to warmly welcome you to Great Gaddesden C of E Primary School. We are delighted that your child will be joining our Reception class in September 2025.

On 7th July at 2pm, we would like to invite you and your child to attend a welcome afternoon. During the afternoon there will be a stay and play session and also a presentation for parents/carers about Early Years, our school expectations and routines. We will also discuss with you how we can best ensure your child has a smooth and positive transfer to us. This will also be an opportunity for you to meet all of our new families. We have our popular parent cafe at St John's Church (next to the school) on the first Friday of every month at 9am. You are most welcome to attend with your child on 6th June and 4th July.

I am also pleased to share that our Early Years outdoor area refurbishment has been completed and I have included some photos further down in this letter. We are delighted to have an excellent outdoor space for our children to access each day as they start their learning journey with us. The children have particularly enjoyed using the large sandpit and the new tunnel.

During the Summer term, to support smooth transitions to school, we complete either a setting or home visit. The purpose of this is to observe your child in their current environment, talk with those responsible for your child's care to ensure we can put in place any adjustments required and know more about your child's strengths and unique interests. If you could please confirm with the school office by 16th May whether your child attends a Nursery or preschool currently or if we will be the first setting your child will attend. We will then make arrangements to visit your child before the end of term.

In the meantime, if you could please complete and return the following:

- Admissions/Data collection booklet (see attached or a paper copy can be collected from the school office)
- Copy of birth certificate and proof of parent/carer address

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call the office.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Matt Beach (Headteacher)

Our new Early Years outdoor area

