



Garfield Primary
Today's children, tomorrow's future.

4th September 2020

Dear Parents and Carers

Re: Welcome Back to Garfield – Sept 2020

We are really looking forward to welcoming you and your child/ren back to Garfield. Although we sent out lots of key information in July, we appreciate that this was some time ago now. We are therefore, sending out the key information again and it can also be found on our website.

I also wanted to explain to you that during the summer holidays, the leadership team have continued to work on the preparation for September. Whilst there has been lots of government guidance produced, this has sometimes come at very late notice. Last Friday evening (before the Bank holiday weekend) and again on the 1st September, more guidance documents have been sent out to schools.

These latest guidance documents have meant that the school's comprehensive and detailed risk assessment needed to be amended. I have promised parents that I will share our risk assessment with you (via the school website) and this will be done next week. It is important that it is understood that the risk assessment is an ever changing document (currently version 11) and outlines all the operational systems in place to maximise safety during Covid19 at Garfield.

I understand that there will be some parents and indeed some pupils who may be feeling anxious about returning to school. Please be assured that we have planned very carefully for the safe re-opening at Garfield. This has meant there are many new routines (such as the start and end times to the day and how play and lunchtimes are organised). All of these systems are created with your child's safety at the forefront of everything we do.

I feel very fortunate to work in a school with such supportive parents and I ask for your continued support, understanding and patience as we all become familiar with our new ways of running the school.

I, alongside other senior members of staff, will be around at the start and end of the day. Please do come and speak to any of us if you have any queries. We are here to help and are really looking forward to working with you and your child/ren again.

Wishing you all a restful weekend.

Yours sincerely


Karen Khwaja
Headteacher