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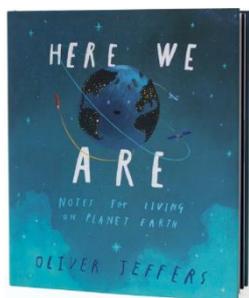
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Dear Parents/ Carers,

Welcome back to school at the start of the 2020-21 academic year! It was a joy to see the children looking so happy and excited about returning. Although things are a little bit different, we have done our very best to keep everything as normal as we can, whilst following government guidelines.

A special welcome to our new Nursery and Reception starters who are beginning their 'Stay and Play' sessions this week and the 10 new children who are starting in other year groups. The first day in a new school can be so daunting for children and families but I can assure you they will have the warmest of Clifford Bridge welcomes.



Over the next two weeks, the whole school will be immersed into the book, 'Here we are' by Oliver Jeffers. The book explores the beautiful diversity of Earth by creating curiosity and wonder whilst exploring the concepts of kindness, tolerance and environmental responsibility. The author wrote this stunning picture book for his new born son, to help him to make sense of our world. Take a look at the book and soon you'll be able to ask your

children all about it <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qrdMYW-Ccb0>

Entry/ exit of the school site

I want to thank you for your cooperation in using the one-way system around our school site. I know this may be increasing your step count but our gates must be one way in order to maintain social distancing. Safety is paramount and we are currently investigating alternative measures for pushchairs to avoid the steps or the grass. Please ensure you adhere to social distancing guidelines as you move around the site.

Attendance

As you may be aware, attendance is compulsory again. We know, for some of our children, they have been away from school for many months and I know it is a daunting prospect for some. If you have any worries you would like to discuss with us, please don't hesitate to contact the school office to talk to a member of the team. Our 'Attendance and Exceptional Leave Policy' is available on our website: <https://www.cliffordbridge.coventry.sch.uk/sept-full-opening>

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School Improvements

As ever, we have worked hard to make the school site even nicer for the children. Mr Whale has worked hard over the summer to paint our Nursery and Reception, brighten up the nursery fences and the whole inside of the school has undergone its annual deep clean. To further encourage a love for reading, we have lots of exciting new books in our library. We have also created some additional teaching spaces for each year groups in Key Stage 2 for targeted learning.



Staffing



Mr Brown

We are pleased to welcome some new members of staff to our school. Mr Jon Brown is the Assistant Headteacher for Key Stage 2, teaching in Year 3. Miss Griffiths has joined us in Year 2 and Miss Grimwood is carrying out her teacher training with us and has been initially placed with Mr Seath in Year 6. I know they will all enjoying getting to know our fantastic children and staff and have already made an excellent start.



Miss Griffiths



Miss Grimwood

Parking

Please be mindful when parking outside the school gates. You should not park on the yellow zig zag lines, where stopping or waiting is strictly prohibited, or across resident's driveways. I have also witnessed a number of children being dropped off in the middle of the road. Children's safety is at the heart of all we do and not adhering to parking rules can put our children at risk.

Other Information in Brief

- **Merit Assemblies** will commence on Friday 18th September 2020. We will be holding these assemblies on Friday mornings at 9.05 am for children from Year 1 to Year 6. Reception children will join us later on in the school year. Children, who receive a certificate, will be invited to the hall, along with their parents, to receive their award. The rest of the school will be able to watch the assembly virtually. This will be reviewed and adapted when necessary to be in line with government guidelines.
- **Walking Home from School.** We recommend that only children who are fully street-wise and in Year 5 or above walk home from school on their own. If older siblings are picking children up from school, they must be 14 years or older to accompany them home by themselves.
- **Diary Dates.** Due to the ever changing situation, we will be sharing diary dates with you a couple of weeks in advance for the time being. Thank you for your understanding with this.

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➤ **Teacher phone calls.** Towards the end of this half term, your child's class teacher will phone you at an agreed time to discuss how well your child has settled back into school, as an alternative to our usual parent's evenings. More information will follow, closer to the time.

You can keep up-to-date with all that goes on at Clifford Bridge Academy, through Class Dojo, our weekly newsletter, our school website, Twitter and Facebook.

Remember, all our opening information can be found on our website:

<https://www.cliffordbridge.coventry.sch.uk/sept-full-opening>.

If you haven't already done so, please take a look at our risk assessment, which will provide you with information about how we are adhering to government guidance.

I have thoroughly enjoyed chatting to many of you at the school gates and you will regularly find me there at the beginning and the end of the day. Please do come and say hello and ask me any questions you may have. I am looking forward to getting to know you and I am here to help in any way that I can.

Yours sincerely,

M Morgan

Madaleine Morgan

Headteacher

