



Dear Parents,

Special Educational Needs, Disability and Inclusion at Godinton Primary School



I would like to both welcome you to our school and introduce myself. My name is Mrs Sarah Stein and I am one of the Assistant Head teachers at Godinton Primary School. I am responsible for the support and well-being of all of our children with Special Educational Needs, Disabilities and Inclusion. Your child may have identified special educational needs already or they may have had needed some additional provision and support at their Nursery. As we move forward to the time when your children are due to start school, you may have some concerns or queries about how your child's needs will be supported when they join us. I hope that my letter to you helps you to feel reassured that we will be able to help your child with whatever they need and that we will work in partnership with you to achieve this.

We are a school that is committed to the inclusion of all pupils and parents and will always endeavour to do our best to ensure that we enable our pupils to access the broad range of learning opportunities available in the Reception classroom. The key to achieving this is often in us having as much information and knowledge about your child as possible before they join us so that any additional needs can be planned for and accommodated. It may be that your child needs some additional support with developing their relationships with peers and adults or that they find some aspects of the nursery curriculum particularly challenging. Often, we have a number of children who require additional intervention for their speech and language development. We are able to support the needs of our pupils, including their speech and language needs, through in class provision from our staff. In some circumstances we are able to access additional support from the specialist teaching services or health professionals. Sometimes the need for support with language development particularly is

delivered in language enrichment groups that happen outside the classroom. We have a teaching assistant who is dedicated to provide this to children across the school and who has a particular focus on the Reception language enrichment groups. We will carry out a computer based assessment with all of our reception children to assess their language skills within the first term of them joining us and then use this to help us to provide this enrichment activity to those they would benefit from this. This assessment is provided by the speech link website and they have a parent portal which can be found on the link below. There are a number of useful information pages on the page for parents as well as some activities that you can do with your children through the summer holidays should you wish too.

<https://speechandlanguage.info/parents>

We have been talking to your children's nurseries to find out all about them and we are of course ringing you to find out as much information as we can about your children. However, you may still feel that you would like to talk to me directly either via the telephone or email. I would be very happy to talk with you about your child's needs. I believe that the key to a successful transition to primary school for your child is successful communication between us all. Our school community and ethos is important to all staff and in order to foster this we place great emphasis on working together. Please feel free to contact me either via the school office on 01233 621616 or via my email address which is sarahstein@godinton.kent.sch.uk.

I look forward to working with you.

Best wishes,

Sarah Stein